

Twenty-Eighth Regular Session
OF THE
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
CONVENTION
AND OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY
CONVENTION

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.

MAY 1-4, 1928



PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

HELD AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
RICHMOND, VA., MAY 1-4, 1928

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1928.

The Southern Christian Convention, Inc., met in its Twenty-eighth Regular Session in the First Christian Church, Richmond, Va., and was called to order at 2 o'clock. In the absence of Dr. L. E. Smith, President, who was detained by a funeral, the Convention was called to order by Dr. N. G. Newman, Vice-President.

Song service led by Rev. J. F. Morgan.

Afternoon worship conducted by Dr. C. C. Ryan, pastor Convention Church.

The roll of Conferences was called, and the following were enrolled (this includes the enrollment for the entire session):

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—G. D. Hunt, E. M. Carter.

Laymen—V. E. Kitchens, C. J. Hester, J. F. Brown.

GEORGIA AND ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—J. D. Dollar, W. C. Carpenter.

Laymen—

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—J. Lee Johnson, W. C. Wicker, R. L. Williamson.

Laymen—L. L. Vaughan, K. B. Johnson, J. A. Kimball and W. A. Newman.

EASTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—J. L. Foster, W. D. Harward, W. H. Denison, J. W. Fix, W. C. Hook, L. L. Lassiter, F. C. Lester, J. F. Morgan, N. G. Newman, O. D. Poythress, G. A. Pearce, C. C. Ryan, W. W. Staley, J. M. Roberts, J. G. Truitt, I. W. Johnson, H. S. Hardcastle, T. N. Lowe, E. B. White, M. F. Allen, L. E. Smith, H. C. Caviness.

Laymen—R. B. Odom, P. J. Kernodle, Mrs. M. L. Bryant, B. D. Jones, Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Mrs. J. B. Gay, Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. J. M. Rabey, Jesse F. West, Jr., Judge J. F. West, J. A. Williams, Dr. J. E. Rawls, M. W. Hollowell, Dr. J. W. Manning, J. P. Dalton, W. E. MacClenny, I. T. Byrd, L. H. Heuber, L. H. Norflett.

NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—C. H. Rowland, W. S. Alexander, C. E. Newman, P. H. Fleming, H. E. Crutchfield, R. A. Whitten, T. F. Wright, S. A. Bennett, W. M. Jay, J. S. Carden, P. T. Klapp.

Laymen—Mrs. C. V. Dunn, W. E. Cook, Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, Mrs. R. A. Whitten, Mrs. C. H. Rowland, W. B. Truitt, Mrs. W. J. Pierce.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Ministers—G. O. Lankford, T. E. White.

Laymen—D. R. Fonville, E. L. Moffitt, Mrs. J. D. Kernodle, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Miss Essie Mae Cotten, Miss Sadie Fonville.

VIRGINIA VALLEY CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Ministers—A. W. Andes, B. J. Earp, W. B. Fuller.

Laymen—A. S. Turner.

Moved and carried that the matter of seating the Revs. J. D. Dollar and W. C. Carpenter, of the Georgia and Alabama Conference, as delegates be referred to the Credentials Committee.

Dr. W. A. Harper, president Elon College; Dr. S. L. Beougher, president Bethlehem College; C. D. Johnston, superintendent Orphanage; W. K. Holt, president board of trustees of Orphanage; J. M. Darden, Acting Mission Secretary; L. L. Vaughan, chairman Board of Publications, were ruled to be voting members of the Convention by virtue of their office.

Announcement of committees:

Credentials—J. F. West, Jr., T. J. Holland, R. A. Larrick.

Press—R. L. Williamson, C. M. Cannon, P. J. Kernodle.

Finance—J. A. Williams, L. R. Jones, J. A. Kimbal.

Nominations—J. E. West, L. L. Vaughan, C. D. Johnston.

Resolutions—G. O. Lankford, H. C. Simpson, O. F. Smith.

Apportionments—W. W. Staley, I. A. Luke, K. B. Johnson.

The President appointed on the Credentials Committee Rev. J. G. Truitt and Dr. G. O. Lankford to take the place of T. J. Holland and R. A. Larrick.

The following were welcomed and invited to have seats in the Convention as deliberative members: Judge O. W. Whitelock, manager

Christian Publishing Association (talk); Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Barrett, missionaries to Porto Rico (talk by Mr. Barrett); Dr. W. P. Minton, Secretary Foreign Missions, General Convention; Dr. F. P. Ensminger, superintendent Congregational Church of the Carolinas (talk); Rev. S. E. Madren, in charge of mission work in Carroll County, Va.; Miss Lucy Eldredge, Secretary Young People's Work, General Convention; Miss Pattie Coghill, Secretary Religious Education, Southern Christian Convention; Mrs. Athella M. Howsare, President Woman's Mission Board, General Convention.

Partial report of Credentials Committee submitted and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We, your Committee on Credentials, after having conferred with Revs. J. D. Dollar and W. C. Carpenter, of the Georgia and Alabama Conference, recommend that they be seated; and Rev. L. H. Heuber, assistant pastor of the First Christian Church, Portsmouth, Va., and L. B. Norfleet, of Franklin, Va., we refer to the Executive Committee of the Eastern Virginia Conference for action.

J. F. WEST, JR.,
G. O. LANKFORD,
J. G. TRUITT,
Committee.

Moved and carried that the Convention send a letter of greeting and expression of regret, on account of his absence from the Convention, to Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Mission Secretary of the Convention.

Announcement was made of the death of Mrs. J. G. Bishop.

Convention adjourned.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention met at 8 o'clock.

Devotional services in charge of Dr. C. C. Ryan, pastor.

Anthem by the choir.

Scripture lesson read by Rev. J. F. Morgan.

Prayer led by Dr. P. H. Fleming.

Anthem by the choir.

Address, "Having Eyes, We See Not," by Dr. L. E. Smith, President.

Rev. A. Lee Rudd, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. R. F. Brown, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary be instructed to send greetings to Rev. S. C. Harrell, H. W. Elder and Mr. P. J. Carlton.

Convention adjourned till tomorrow A. M. Benediction by Dr. C. C. Ryan.

SECOND DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 1928.

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Song service conducted by Rev. J. F. Morgan. Worship led by Rev. O. D. Poythress.

Roll call. Minutes read and adopted.

Dr. W. C. Wicker, Treasurer, submitted his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Report of Board of Polity and Finance was read. It was moved and carried that the report be considered by items. The report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF POLITY AND FINANCE.

At the call of Dr. L. E. Smith, President of the Southern Christian Convention, the Board of Polity and Finance met at Elon College, N. C., Tuesday morning, May 25, 1926, at 9 o'clock.

Present at this meeting were Dr. L. E. Smith, Col. E. E. Holland, Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Rev. H. W. Elder, K. B. Johnson and R. A. Larrick. On invitation of the chairman, Dr. W. C. Wicker, Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Dr. W. A. Harper and Dr. W. T. Walters met with the board.

The board was called to order by Dr. L. E. Smith. Prayer by Dr. J. O. Atkinson. The board then organized as follows: Dr. L. E. Smith, chairman; Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, vice-chairman; R. A. Larrick, secretary. The following were elected as an executive committee: Dr. L. E. Smith, Col. E. E. Holland and Rev. H. S. Hardcastle.

The chairman stated that Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, who was elected a member of this board, had advised him that she would prefer not to serve as a member of the board. Rev. H. S. Hardcastle was elected to fill this vacancy.

It was voted that the Benevolence Commission proceed at once to promote the benevolence budget.

On motion, carried, the Church calendar as recommended by the General Convention was adopted by this board.

Dr. I. W. Johnson and Rev. H. S. Hardcastle were elected a committee to prepare a report prescribing the duties of all the officers and committees of this board.

On motion, passed, the bond, for \$20,000, of the Convention Treasurer, Dr. W. C. Wicker, was approved and the chairman of this board was designated as custodian of this bond.

A motion was made and passed that, with the consent of the chairman of the Board of Education, the chairman of the Board of Religious Education and the chairman of the Mission Board, the Orphanage shall be permitted to take a special Thanksgiving offering in November.

On motion adjourned, subject to call of the chairman.

L. E. SMITH, *Chairman.*

I. W. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

RECOMMENDATIONS BY HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD THROUGH BOARD OF POLITY AND FINANCE.

First: There shall be appointed by the President of the Convention, at each session thereof, a "Board of Finance," consisting of not less than three nor more than five members.

Second: Said board shall elect its own officers and shall hold meetings whenever called by its chairman.

Third: Said board shall prepare and submit to the Convention at each session thereof statements of all estimated receipts and expenditures for the succeeding biennium, shall make all assessments for and all apportionments to the different enterprises of the Church, submit the same to the President of the Convention for his approval and also to the Convention for its approval, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Convention. The presidents of Elon and Bethlehem Colleges, the superintendent of the Orphanage, and the chairman of the several boards, commissions and committees of the Convention shall submit to said Board of Finance each year a full and complete statement of its financial needs for the ensuing year.

Fourth: Said board shall have authority to select some suitable person, at a salary to be agreed upon, whose duty it shall be to visit the several Conferences represented in the Convention, present the needs of the Church, and make collections to meet the same.

Fifth: That the apportionments for 1928-30 annually be \$25,000, to be distributed as follows:

Superannuation	\$ 3,000
Convention	2,000
Publications	4,000
Convention obligations	12,750
Undistributed	3,250
Total	<u>\$25,000</u>

That the benevolence goal shall be \$113,500 annually, to be distributed as follows:

Missions	\$ 45,000
Orphanage	30,000
Colleges	34,000
Christian education	4,500
Total	<u>\$113,500</u>

That the Mission Board and Orphanage have annual offerings Easter and Thanksgiving, respectively; access to the Sunday Schools for monthly offerings, and to individuals at any time.

That the colleges have quarterly Sunday School offerings and access to individuals at any time.

That the Board of Christian Education have access to Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor Societies and to the Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Conventions.

That the Church year for instructional purposes be divided as follows: January—interdenominational co-operation; February, March—foreign missions; April—evangelism; May and June—home missions; July, August, September, October—education; November, December—orphange and stewardship.

Sixth: Individual collections may be made by the President of the colleges, superintendent of the Orphanage, and the chairman or secretary of any board, commission or committee, at any time, but all such collections so made shall be reported to said board and considered by it when making its apportionments.

Seventh: Collections may be taken by the Sunday Schools of the Churches for the Orphanage, for missions, for any other agency of said Church, but the amount of such collections shall be reported to said Finance Board by the agency receiving the same, and shall be considered by said board when making its apportionments.

Eighth: The Convention Treasurer shall submit, whenever required by the chairman of said board, full and complete financial statements, and shall also submit to the Convention full and complete biennial statements. Said statements shall show amounts collected from actual amounts paid by each Conference.

Ninth: All payments made to the several agencies of the Convention shall be by draft on the Treasurer, signed by the President of the Convention and countersigned by the Secretary of the Convention.

Tenth: No debts shall be contracted beyond allotment by any board, commission or committee of the Convention without the approval of said Board of Finance.

Eleventh: All rules or regulations of the Convention in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

L. E. SMITH, *Chairman.*

I. W. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

1927.			
Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.	\$ 105.00	
Dec. 13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.	200.00	
24.	C. D. Johnston, Supt., draft 348. ....	.....	\$ 305.00
		<u>\$ 305.00</u>	<u>\$ 305.00</u>

COLLEGE FUND.

1926.			
Apr. 22.	Balance	\$ 150.30	
Oct. 28.	J. W. Payne, Treas.	179.31	
Nov. 30.	I. W. Johnston, Sec.	1,495.00	
	Samuel Earman, Treas.	235.00	
Dec. 7.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.	117.38	
10.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.	379.39	
	H. C. Simpson, Treas.	860.25	
	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.	463.00	
22.	T. C. Amick, Treas., draft No. 232. ....	.....	\$ 3,582.94
	S. L. Beougher, Pres., draft No. 231. ....	.....	296.69
1927.			
Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.	214.00	
31.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.	49.94	
	J. W. Payne, Treas.	208.76	
Dec. 13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.	360.00	
16.	I. W. Johnston, Sec.	1,600.00	
26.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.	450.00	
6.	S. L. Beougher, Pres., draft No. 329. ....	.....	206.76
	S. L. Beougher, Pres., draft No. 330. ....	.....	49.94
24.	T. C. Amick, Treas., draft No. 343. ....	.....	2,624.00
1928.			
Apr. 26.	Balance .....	.....	2.00
	Balance	<u>\$ 6,762.33</u>	<u>\$ 6,762.33</u>

CONVENTION MISSIONS.

1926.			
Oct. 28.	J. W. Payne, Treas.	\$ 64.04	
Nov. 10.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.	405.00	
30.	I. W. Johnson, Sec.	1,100.00	
	Samuel Earman, Treas.	236.00	
Dec. 7.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.	117.38	
Oct. 17.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 206. ....	.....	405.00
Dec. 10.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.	379.39	
	H. C. Simpson, Treas.	860.25	
	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.	463.00	
13.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 228. ....	.....	3,240.67

1927.			
Jan. 11.	R. W. Malone	20.61	
Sep. 30.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	499.50	
Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.	77.00	
31.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	79.90	
	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	74.55	
Nov. 12.	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	1,400.00	
	J. O. Atkinson, sec., draft No. 326.....		1,400.00
Dec. 13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	275.00	
26.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	450.00	
9.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 333.....		77.02
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 335.....		79.90
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 337.....		675.00
24.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 345.....		1,080.95
1928.			
Apr. 26.	Overdraft	456.92	
	Totals	\$ 6,958.54	\$ 6,958.54

CONVENTION FUND.

1926.			
Apr. 22.	Balance		\$ 3,027.61
May 1.	Interest	\$ 215.38	
	Stanley Harrell, Com. on Pub.....	30.00	
	L. E. Smith, for banquet.....	140.00	
5.	J. F. Burnett, draft No. 155.....		500.00
	L. E. Smith, draft No. 151.....		27.70
	Mrs. J. S. Rollings, draft No. 148.....		25.00
	I. W. Johnson, Sec., draft No. 150.....		53.40
11.	Washington-Duke Hotel, draft No. 254.....		140.00
5.	C. M. Cannon, draft No. 154.....		10.70
	W. C. Wicker, draft No. 152.....		400.00
	Central Publishing Co., draft No. 153.....		39.75
	H. S. Hardcastle, draft No. 149.....		5.10
25.	H. W. Elder, draft No. 155.....		30.20
	R. A. Larrick, draft No. 156.....		39.54
Jun. 4.	West & Withers, draft No. 157.....		100.00
21.	L. C. Anderson, draft No. 160.....		17.50
July 3.	L. C. Anderson, draft No. 161.....		35.00
	A. D. Pate & Co., draft No. 162.....		7.50
22.	Sion M. Lynam, draft No. 164.....		25.00
Oct. 21.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	746.91	
28.	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	32.02	
Aug. 10.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 165.....		205.95
27.	L. C. Anderson, draft No. 175.....		27.00
28.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 176.....		333.33
Sep. 6.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 177.....		333.33
30.	L. C. Anderson, draft No. 200.....		35.00
25.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 198.....		100.00
30.	L. E. Smith, Pres., draft No. 201.....		11.92
Oct. 11.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 202.....		333.33
18.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	162.00	
Nov. 4.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	113.10	
	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	271.42	
10.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	240.00	
15.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	138.25	
30.	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	740.00	
	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	61.00	
Dec. 4.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	499.92	
7.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	55.24	

Oct.	15.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 203.....	50.00
Nov.	6.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 204.....	554.00
	17.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 205.....	50.00
Dec.	10.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	85.68
		H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	194.25
		W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	100.00
	16.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	271.15
	18.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	199.03
	15.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 230.....	50.00
	9.	J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 225.....	100.00
	15.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 229.....	554.00
1927.			
Jan.	11.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	194.15
Feb.	1.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	290.70
		L. E. Smith, Pres.....	200.00
	28.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	306.50
Mar.	19.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	60.50
		L. E. Smith, Pres.....	300.00
Jan.	10.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 238.....	554.00
	18.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 239.....	50.00
Feb.	4.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 240.....	554.00
	9.	J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 254.....	50.00
	15.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 265.....	50.00
Mar.	16.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	300.00
Apr.	4.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	148.70
Mar.	14.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	106.60
Feb.	21.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 266.....	681.55
Apr.	5.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 267.....	554.00
Mar.	17.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 268.....	50.00
	11.	W. H. Denison, draft No. 269.....	250.00
Apr.	8.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 270.....	692.50
	20.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 271.....	50.00
	26.	J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 272.....	25.00
May	9.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 273.....	554.00
	19.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	125.10
Jun.	13.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	226.85
	18.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	138.75
		L. E. Smith, Pres.....	47.00
	24.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	63.75
July	5.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	143.94
		W. C. Wicker, loan.....	500.00
Aug.	2.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	337.49
	20.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	66.16
Sep.	14.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	126.09
May	27.	L. E. Smith, Pres., draft No. 284.....	17.43
	23.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 283.....	50.00
Jun.	9.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 286.....	554.00
	14.	W. C. Wicker, Treas., draft No 287.....	50.00
		West & Withers, draft No. 288.....	100.00
	18.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 289.....	50.00
July	9.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 290.....	554.00
	15.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 291.....	50.00
	9.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 292.....	692.50
Aug.	15.	Eugenia Gage, draft No. 293.....	50.00
	17.	J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 298.....	50.00
Oct.	14.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	218.04
	11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	212.00
	31.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	49.93
		J. W. Payne, Treas.....	37.27

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Aug. 19.	Sion M. Lynam, draft No. 299.....	25.00	
Sep. 10.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 294.....	554.00	
	26. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 301.....	50.00	
Oct. 8.	Atlantic Bank and Trust Co., draft No. 304...	507.50	
	12. P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 305.....	692.50	
	17. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 306.....	50.00	
Nov. 3.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	414.00	
	9. L. E. Smith, Pres.....	150.50	
	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 324.....	554.00	
	11. J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 325.....	50.00	
	16. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 327.....	50.00	
Dec. 12.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	320.76	
	13. O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	100.00	
	16. I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	1,000.00	
	19. H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	750.00	
	26. W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	120.00	
	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	181.75	
	9. P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 331.....	554.00	
	17. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 339.....	50.00	
	21. J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 341.....	75.00	
	31. L. E. Smith, Pres.....	121.60	
1928.			
Jan. 12.	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 349.....	554.00	
	14. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 350.....	50.00	
Feb. 10.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	508.56	
	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	770.00	
	9. P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 357.....	554.00	
	14. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 358.....	50.00	
	29. L. E. Smith, Pres.....	369.80	
Apr. 16.	L. E. Smith, Pres.....	261.40	
Mar. 6.	Mrs. Annie M. Shepherd, draft No. 359.....	54.80	
	6. W. H. Denison, draft No. 360.....	500.00	
	P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 361.....	554.00	
	15. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 362.....	50.00	
Apr. 3.	L. E. Smith, Pres., draft No. 363.....	23.00	
	12. P. J. Kernodle, draft No. 364.....	554.00	
	15. Geraldine Belsham, draft No. 365.....	50.00	
	Overdraft.....	142.18	
Total		\$16,733.03	\$16,733.03

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1926.			
Oct. 28.	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	\$ 76.85	
Nov. 30.	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	1,450.00	
	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	234.00	
Dec. 7.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	69.04	
	10. O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	379.39	
	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	860.25	
	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	463.00	
	13. J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 227.....		\$ 3,153.14
Jan. 6.	R. W. Malone, Treas., draft No. 234.....		379.39
Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	77.00	
1927.			
Oct. 31.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	69.90	
	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	89.46	
Dec. 13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	360.00	
	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	1,535.00	
	19. H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	625.00	

26.	J. W. Ballentine, Treas.....	450.00	
9.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 332.....		77.74
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 334.....		69.90
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 336.....		625.00
13.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 338.....		360.00
21.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 342.....		1,250.00
1928.			
Jan. 24.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 346.....		1,077.72
	Overdraft	254.00	
Totals		\$ 6,992.89	\$ 6,992.89

SUPERANNUATED FUND.

1926.			
Apr. 22.	Balance	\$ 698.55	
12.	W. K. Holt, Treas., draft No. 237.....		\$ 698.55
July 12.	Interest on bonds.....	90.00	
20.	W. K. Holt, Treas., draft No. 163.....		90.00
Aug. 25.	T. C. Amick, Bus. Mgr. Int.....	30.00	
Oct. 28.	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	64.04	
Sep. 11.	For sale of bonds.....	3,000.00	
26.	W. K. Holt, Treas., draft No. 199.....		3,000.00
Oct. 30.	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	370.00	
	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	100.00	
7.	W. B. Floyd, Treas.....	55.24	
Dec. 10.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	84.00	
28.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	148.00	
13.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 226.....		740.78
1927.			
Jan. 4.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	207.69	
8.	W. K. Holt, Treas., draft No. 235.....		318.19
Apr. 6.	Chas. D. Johnston, Int. on note.....	75.00	
July 2.	Chas. D. Johnston, Int. on note.....	75.00	
5.	W. K. Holt, Treas., draft No. 297.....		150.00
Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	127.00	
31.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	49.93	
	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	74.55	
Dec. 9.	Chas. D. Johnston, Supt.....	2,529.17	
13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	350.00	
16.	I. W. Johnson, Sec.....	500.00	
19.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	625.00	
26.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	120.00	
24.	W. K. Holt, Treas., draft No. 347.....		4,376.65
1928.			
Apr. 26.	Overdraft	1.00	
Totals		\$ 5,585.62	\$ 5,585.62

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND.

1926.			
Apr. 22.	Balance	\$ 315.27	
Oct. 28.	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	64.04	
Dec. 10.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	53.00	
28.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	92.50	
1927.			
Jan. 6.	T. C. Amick, draft No. 237.....		524.81
Oct. 31.	H. B. Floyd, Treas.....	49.93	
	J. W. Payne, Treas.....	74.55	
Dec. 27.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	100.00	

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20.	W. A. Harper, draft No. 340.....	125.00	
24.	W. A. Harper, draft No. 344.....	99.48	
1928.			
Jan. 31.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	175.00	
Apr. 26.	Balance	175.00	
	Totals	\$ 924.29	\$ 924.29

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

1926.			
Dec. 10.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	\$ 78.00	
28.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	150.00	
22.	J. H. Lightbourne, draft No. 233.....		\$ 78.00
1927.			
Jan. 7.	J. H. Lightbourne, draft No. 236.....		150.00
Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	42.00	
Dec. 13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	100.00	
19.	H. C. Simpson, Treas.....	150.00	
26.	W. J. Ballentine, Treas.....	100.00	
1928.			
Apr. 26.	Balance		392.00
	Totals	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00

WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN BOARD.

Apr. 22.	Balance	\$ 513.30	
May 1.	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Japanese student.....	75.00	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, N. C. Gen. purpose.....	195.35	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Mt. work.....	135.55	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Japanese S. S.....	12.50	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Bible women.....	160.25	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Matsuno's salary.....	18.75	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Japanese work.....	1,000.00	
	Mrs. W. T. Walters, Christian Orphanage.....	85.00	
Apr. 29.	C. D. Johnston, Supt., draft No. 147.....		\$ 85.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 244.....		12.50
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 243.....		18.75
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 241.....		1,000.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 246.....		135.35
30.	Mrs. W. R. Sellars, draft No. 240.....		195.35
29.	W. A. Harper, draft No. 239.....		75.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 245.....		160.25
July 22.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Japan.....	258.25	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Bible women.....	25.00	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Japan S. S.....	12.50	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Santa Isabel.....	212.80	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Richmond, Va.....	258.26	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	212.80	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Irene Boone.....	15.00	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Baby Home.....	24.19	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, kindergarten.....	24.18	
Aug. 18.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 171.....		212.80
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 169.....		312.80
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 170.....		258.26
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 168.....		12.50
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 167.....		25.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 174.....		24.18
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 166.....		258.25

	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 175.....	24.19
	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 172.....	15.00
Nov. 19.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, for missions.....	2,619.78
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, home missions.....	1,468.07
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, home missions.....	752.80
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, home missions.....	221.23
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, O'Kelly Memorial....	52.08
20.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 207.....	357.52
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 219.....	712.57
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 218.....	1,110.54
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 224.....	52.08
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 223.....	15.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 223.....	75.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 222.....	15.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 221.....	116.23
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 220.....	40.23
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 217.....	357.53
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 216.....	100.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 215.....	612.55
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 214.....	12.50
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 213.....	100.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 212.....	116.25
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 211.....	87.50
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 209.....	693.46
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 210.....	540.00
1927.		
Feb. 18.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	328.05
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Porto Rico and Japan.	554.92
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Richmond, Va.....	352.08
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Baby Home.....	21.00
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, O'Kelly Memorial.....	44.80
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Ellen Gustin.....	50.00
9.	R. W. Malone, draft No. 241.....	185.29
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 242.....	166.80
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 243.....	1.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 244.....	25.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 245.....	47.52
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 246.....	129.31
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 247.....	185.29
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 248.....	166.79
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 249.....	129.33
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 250.....	198.72
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 251.....	21.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 252.....	44.80
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 253.....	50.00
May 14.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Japan.....	816.92
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Porto Rico.....	303.55
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Richmond, Va.....	736.47
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	486.47
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Elon Orphanage.....	45.00
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, O'Kelley Memorial....	15.14
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Indian work.....	20.00
29.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Ala. Contr.....	32.69
Aug. 1.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, foreign missions.....	687.04
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Porto Rico.....	216.43
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, American work.....	20.00
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Ellen Gustin.....	48.25
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, home missions.....	613.79
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	237.77

	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Baby Home.....	23.25	
May 12.	R. W. Malone, draft No. 274.....		311.06
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 275.....		425.23
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 276.....		5.43
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 277.....		50.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 278.....		25.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 279.....		296.55
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 280.....		7.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 281.....		20.00
	R. W. Malone, draft No. 282.....		311.06
30.	R. W. Malone, draft No. 285.....		32.69
Aug. 3.	J. O. Atkinson, draft No. 295.....		1,846.53
Oct. 31.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Japan.....	2,091.66	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Porto Rico.....	766.49	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Ellen Gustin.....	27.71	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Richmond, Va.....	1,626.59	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	816.65	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Elon Orphanage.....	150.08	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, O'Kelley Memorial....	1.60	
Nov. 19.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Ala. Contr.....	73.30	
3.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 307.....		271.87
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 308.....		1,004.71
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 309.....		118.83
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 310.....		25.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 311.....		12.50
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 312.....		540.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 313.....		68.75
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 314.....		50.00
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 315.....		766.49
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 316.....		27.71
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 317.....		271.88
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 318.....		1,354.71
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 319.....		816.65
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 320.....		1.60
	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 321.....		15.00
	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 322.....		15.00
	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 323.....		120.08
Dec. 5.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 328.....		73.30
1928.			
Jan. 21.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Japan.....	632.37	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Porto Rico.....	177.51	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Franklinville College..	1.74	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, home missions.....	357.18	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	508.39	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Elon Orphanage.....	16.28	
28.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 351.....		632.37
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 352.....		177.51
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 353.....		1.74
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 354.....		357.18
	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 355.....		508.39
	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 356.....		16.28
Apr. 26.	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Japan.....	931.81	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Porto Rico.....	316.26	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Richmond, Va.....	1,118.79	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mt. work.....	372.27	
	Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Elon Orphanage.....	31.95	
	Balance		4,156.80
	Totals	\$24,024.89	\$24,024.89

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BENEVOLENCE BUDGET.

Mar. 19.	R. W. Holland, Jr.....	\$ 47.63	
Apr. 1.	R. W. Holland, Jr.....	43.24	
May 31.	R. W. Holland, Jr.....	15.00	
	R. W. Holland, Jr.....	18.00	
Jun. 18.	E. P. Jones, Treas., Franklin.....	225.00	
Aug. 12.	R. W. Holland, Jr., Treas.....	16.22	
	R. W. Holland, Jr., Treas.....	19.98	
Oct. 14.	R. W. Holland, Jr., Treas.....	18.59	
	R. W. Holland, Jr., Treas.....	17.74	
Nov. 5.	R. W. Holland, Jr., Treas.....	20.11	
Sep. 14.	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 300.....		\$ 75.63
16.	J. O. Atkinson, Sec., draft No. 302.....		75.63
26.	C. D. Johnston, draft No. 303.....		8.81
Nov. 26.	I. W. Johnson, Sec., for Franklin Church.....	100.00	
1928.			
Apr. 26.	Balance		381.44
	Totals	\$ 541.51	\$ 541.51

1927.

PUBLICATIONS.

Oct. 11.	Samuel Earman, Treas.....	\$ 211.00	
Dec. 13.	O. D. Lawrence, Treas.....	100.00	
1928.			
Apr. 26.	Balance		\$ 311.00
	Totals	\$ 311.00	\$ 311.00

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MRS. WALTERS' MISSION ACCOUNT.

July 5.	W. T. Walters.....	\$ 100.00	
Oct. 28.	Mrs. W. T. Walters.....	25.00	
Dec. 12.	Protested check, returned.....		\$ 26.44
13.	Mrs. W. T. Walters.....	26.14	
1928.			
Jan. 23.	L. E. Smith, from Mr. Richards.....	200.00	
Apr. 26.	Balance		324.70
	Totals	\$ 351.14	\$ 351.14

RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES.

April 26, 1928.

College fund	\$ 2.00	
Convention missions		\$ 456.92
Convention fund		142.18
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Foreign missions		254.00
Superannuation		1.00
Ministerial education	175.00	
Christian education	392.00	
Women's Home and Foreign Board.....	4,156.80	
Benevolences	381.44	
Publications	311.00	
Mrs. Walters' account	324.70	
Mission check to R. W. Malone.....		972.02
Check to adjust account by error.....	79.02	
Balance in bank		3,996.65
	Totals	\$ 5,822.77
		\$ 5,822.77

The check for \$79.02 should be refunded to the First National Bank, as it was given through mistake.

In closing my report, I wish to express to this Convention my keen appreciation for the confidence reposed in me by electing me fourteen years ago as Treasurer. I keenly appreciate the many courtesies extended to me by the generous-hearted brethren of the Convention during my tenure of office.

During these fourteen years I have handled the following amounts of the Convention's funds, which may be found itemized in my several reports:

1914-1916	\$ 15,791.98
1916-1918	27,478.60
1918-1920	84,169.22
1920-1922	88,585.37
1922-1923	41,041.82
1923-1924	33,813.03
1924-1926	68,353.11
1926-1928	70,108.14
Total	<hr/> \$429,341.27

Again thanking you for the confidence which you have so graciously reposed in me and the high honor which you have so generously conferred upon me, I hereby most respectfully submit my report.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

W. C. WICKER,

Treasurer Southern Christian Convention.

On motion, Mr. J. M. Darden, Acting Mission Secretary, was given ten minutes to speak in the interest of missions. Address by Mr. J. M. Darden, Acting Mission Secretary. It was moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to Mr. J. M. Darden, Acting Secretary of Missions, for his splendid service.

Report of Board of Superannuation was read by Mr. W. K. Holt and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION.

Your Board of Superannuation held its regular annual meetings since our last report—in December, 1926, and December, 1927. In our report to you at your last session we recommended that each Conference raise at least 10 cents per member, and this was adopted by this Convention; but we have received less than 5 cents per member from the Convention Treasurer.

We had on hand coming to us from one Conference about \$2,500, and our anticipation from the Conference was about \$3,000 per annum and our appropriations have been from \$2,000 to \$2,400, which we were hoping to increase, but when we found our income cut off more than one-half we were compelled to cut our apportionments more than one-half or use the \$2,500 coming to us from the Conference as referred to. So after much consultation and financing, we decided we must keep the \$2,500 as a permanent fund to build to, and at this same time had other disabled ministers come to our attention that we could see the need of twice as much as we had asked the Convention for, so you can see what an embarrassing position we were in, and in December, 1926, we made the following apportionments:

Mrs. Geo. D. Eastes.....	\$ 150.00
Mrs. C. C. Peel.....	150.00
Rev. J. W. Wellons.....	100.00
Mrs. L. I. Cox.....	150.00

Rev. P. T. Klapp.....	100.00
Rev. J. D. Wicker.....	150.00
Mrs. Mary Virginia Long.....	150.00
Mrs. J. P. Barrett.....	150.00
Rev. C. M. Dollar.....	100.00
Mrs. B. F. Young.....	150.00
Mrs. J. I. Jones.....	50.00
Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt.....	100.00
Mrs. M. L. Hurley.....	100.00
Rev. G. R. Underwood.....	100.00

Amounting to \$1,700.00
 paying one-half at once and the other half in July, 1927.

In December, 1927, we made the following apportionments:

Mrs. Geo. D. Eastes.....	\$ 150.00
Rev. P. T. Klapp.....	100.00
Mrs. C. C. Peel.....	150.00
Mrs. L. I. Cox.....	150.00
Mrs. Mary Virginia Long.....	150.00
Mrs. J. P. Barrett.....	150.00
Mrs. B. F. Young.....	150.00
Mrs. J. I. Jones.....	50.00
Mrs. Ebbie Moffitt.....	100.00
Rev. G. R. Underwood.....	100.00
Mrs. C. M. Dollar.....	100.00
Mrs. Emma Fogleman.....	100.00
Rev. W. B. Harward.....	300.00
Rev. H. W. Elder.....	200.00

Amounting to \$1,950.00
 paying one-half at once and the other half (except \$50.00
 to Rev. H. W. Elder, which has been paid) is to be paid
 in July of this year.

We have looked into the matter of group insurance for our ministers, but have found that it is not feasible at this time. It would seem that an endowment fund for aged ministers or something similar should engage the attention of this Convention.

We have on hand at this time \$3,450.40. After paying balance of \$925.00 in July on our apportionments we will have \$2,525.40.

We wish to recommend to this Convention that some action be taken that your Board of Superannuation can have at least \$3,000 per annum to enable them to meet the urgent needs of our beneficiaries and add a little each year to the \$2,500.00 permanent fund, which is drawing 6 per cent interest.

We record with regret the death of the following list of beneficiaries from our list since last report: Rev. P. L. Duke, Rev. J. W. Wellons, Rev. J. D. Wicker, Rev. C. M. Dollar, Mrs. Pattie Hurley.

The entire expense of your board since last Convention for all clerical work, traveling expense, postage, stationery and all incidentals has been \$1.25.

Respectfully submitted,

W. K. HOLT, *Treasurer.*
 MRS. M. C. ROWLAND, *Sec'y.*
 D. R. FONVILLE.
 T. E. WHITE.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Finance be instructed to devise and submit to the Executive Board of the Convention a plan

or method for raising an endowment fund for the benefit of the aged or disabled ministers of this Convention.

Dr. R. V. Lancaster, Dr. J. M. Kirbye, Dr. W. Knighton Bloom and Rev. C. C. Jones were introduced to the Convention.

Convention sermon by Dr. C. H. Rowland, Greensboro, N. C.; theme: "Why the Kingdom Tarries" (Heb. 11:8).

Communion service in charge of Dr. N. G. Newman, Holland, Va., assisted by Revs. W. W. Staley, C. H. Rowland, P. H. Fleming, P. T. Klapp, H. C. Caviness, G. D. Hunt and J. F. Morgan.

Hymn, "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

A telegram was received from Dr. J. O. Atkinson.

Benediction by Rev. P. T. Klapp.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 o'clock. Devotional service conducted by Rev. B. J. Earp; theme: "Self-Denial."

Mr. W. E. MacClenny, Historian, submitted the following report:

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Your Historian begs leave to submit the following report:

During the past two years there has not been very much progress made along historical lints. One of the most outstanding items of interest was done by the Memorial Committee, whose duty it was to erect a suitable marker to commemorate the meeting of the Christians in Surry County, Va., held on August 4, 1794, when the name "Christian" was taken by the body to the exclusion of all party or sectarian names, and the Holy Bible was taken as their creed. The marker of stone with bronze tablets was erected on the site of Old Lebanon Church, on the Smithfield-Petersburg Highway, about one mile west of Surry Courthouse. It was unveiled with suitable sermon on July 7, 1927, in the presence of an immense gathering. The Memorial Committee did good work under the leadership of Judge Jesse F. West of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, and the unveiling was made a grand success by the Program Committee, of which Mr. J. M. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., was chairman. The copper box in the base of the monument was supplied by your historian, with accounts of 1794 meeting as gathered from the writings of those who were present. The best account was found in the books of Rev. James O'Kelly and was given in detail. Most of this manuscript has been published in the local papers and in *The Christian Sun*.

The monument to the memory of Rev. James O'Kelly, the moving spirit in the organization of the Christian Church in the South, is now being prepared by the Memorial Committee, and at some future time will be erected and unveiled on the campus at Elon College, N. C.

Regarding new research, we beg to advise that two of the books written by Rev. James O'Kelly have been located. Through the courtesy of Mr. Bruce Cotten, Baltimore, Md., we were allowed to read O'Kelly's work on "Negro Slavery," published in Philadelphia, Pa., 1789; and in this it was found that he was a native of Virginia, a question which had not been settled definitely before. Through the courtesy of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society and Dr. Garnett Ryland, of the University of Richmond, we were allowed to read Rev.

James O'Kelly's "Vindication of an Apology," etc., printed for the author by Joseph Gales, printer to the State, Raleigh, N. C., 1801. In this we learned that he was a resident of a Virginia county bordering on North Carolina at the time of his conversion and when he joined the Methodists. Mr. Osborn Pope says in a letter to Rev. James O'Kelly, published in the latter work: "Little did I think, when Samuel Yeargin, the preacher, my mother and myself persuaded you to join in society about twenty-five years ago (this was written prior to 1801), I should ever live to see you so stigmatized as you are, and the Scriptures so depreciated by the Methodist synod! And from all I hear, in private and public, you are thus treated because you hold by the New Testament, or the Scripture government, which was the very term of union at first. I knew you for years before you joined the Methodists, and I never heard you were called a lying man, a tatler, a mischief-maker, or busy-body in other men's matters; but on the contrary, when unconverted, mirth and company you delighted in." (Osborn Pope was a resident of Beaver Dam district of Granville County, N. C., in 1790. See U. S. census of N. C. 1790, page 88.)

As these things were found, they were published in *The Christian Sun* for the benefit of the Church. Copies of both of these works were made and have been placed in the library at Elon College for the use of coming generations.

A paper has been prepared by your Historian on "Rev. James O'Kelly, the American Patriot" for the May number of *The Elon Alumni Voice*, in which the political side of his life is shown.

While looking over some old books in the Virginia State Library, an estimate of the ability of our early leader was found by men who knew him, among these being one from Rev. Devereaux Jarratt, the noted Episcopalian of the south side of Virginia. He speaks of him as a man of ability and brilliant speaker.

While engaged in research work in another library, it was found that the Republican Methodists—the first name taken by the body now known as Christians in Virginia, at their meeting held on December 25, 1793, at the Manakin Town, Powhatan County, Va.—adopted a regular constitution, and about 1848 that paper was extant. (See "Life and Times of Jesse Lee," published 1848, page 285, and note.) This was superseded by the adoption of the name "Christian" and by taking the Bible as their only creed at the meeting in Surry County, August 4, 1794. We find, however, that the Virginia Christians adopted another constitution at the session of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference held at Holy Neck Church, Nansemond County, Va., on the 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd of August, 1825. It was adopted by that session and sent to the Churches, and at next session of that body, held at Wills Chapel, Isle of Wight County, on the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th days of May, 1826, it was ratified. This had thirteen sections in it and was practically a form of Church government very similar to our present form. (It was the work of Rev. Nath'l P. Tatem. See MSS. minutes of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference, pages 67, 68, 70 and 72.)

For the information of the body we give a few statistics showing the growth made by the Church since 1871, the earliest year that we have been able to get after the War Between the States.

In 1927, the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference reported 11,174 members; in 1871, 2,555 members—gain in fifty-six years, 8,619 members.

In 1927, the North Carolina and Virginia Christian Conference and the Eastern North Carolina Conference reported 11,232 members; in 1871, the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, which covered practically the same territory, reported 3,315 members—gain in fifty-six years, 7,917 members.

The statistics are not available for the other Conferences composing the Convention in 1871, but we believe that they will show an even larger growth. For example, the Western North Carolina Conference reported in 1927 3,715 members, while in 1871 the Deep River Conference reported 688 members, making a gain of 3,027 members, though this could not all be counted, as the territory has been changed some in the intervening years.

The total membership of this Convention in 1927 was 32,472. (See 1927 ANNUAL.) In 1871 there were 59 ministers in the Convention, in 1927 there were 133 and 40 licentiates, showing a gain of 74 ministers and 40 licentiates.

Recent inquiry reveals that there is very little historical material bearing on the Christian Church in the Elon College library. If any of our members know where any original documents bearing on the early history of the Christian Church are located, they would do the Church a great service if they would secure same, if possible; if not, copies of same and deposit them in the fireproof vault of the library for the instruction of the coming generations.

The time is near at hand when the Christian Church should have a historical society to look up and preserve the original sources of our Church history. It would not be very expensive, since we have the depository, and some one ought to be found who would do the work for the love of it, and in this way, by all working together, much might be accomplished.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. E. MACCLENNY.

Committee on Credentials made a partial report, and Mrs. C. H. Rowland and Mrs. R. A. Whitten, of the North Carolina and Virginia Conference, were enrolled.

Report of the Orphanage Board was read by Mr. W. K. Holt, chairman, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

The Christian Orphanage idea was planted in the hearts of our people many years ago, but our Church had been in existence more than a hundred years before it had anything in a permanent way toward this branch of worthy and noble work. It is very fitting and appropriate, we think, that the little children were strong advocates of its establishment and for a number of years gave their nickels and dimes to swell the fund that was to build a home for the homeless. It was more fitting for the children to have taken this active part because of the fact that our Master while on earth loved the little children and took them in His arms and blessed them. It is also fitting because the ministry of our Master while on earth was to the poor, the needy, the sick, the lame, the blind, the fatherless and the widow in distress; then, too, the sacred Book, which is our rule of faith and guide, calls our attention to the fatherless and the widow in distress more than thirty times, so it should be very emphatically impressed on our minds. In the year 1904, after the Southern Christian Convention had voted to establish the Orphanage, the first building was erected. It would be useless for me, in this report, to recite to you the discouragements we have had to meet and the obstacles that have been thrown in our pathway, as well as the real joys that have come to us as the work has gone forward for these years. While seemingly some at times have been against us, God has been for us, and His blessings have not been withheld. And so far, the Board of Trustees, with their most efficient superintendent, have been able to carry out its policy and the work has made progress.

I want to say that the Board of Trustees, during the last eleven years, have found it necessary to build two buildings for children; not that it intended to take more than 120 children in its care at any one time, but to work out a plan for the betterment of those it had in its care and give them the best we had to give to keep abreast with other denominations in our State, who are doing a wonderful work along charity lines and spending many thousands of dollars yearly to help the fatherless and the widow in distress.

During this biennium we have added to our capital assets fifteen acres of beautiful wheat land which was donated by our good brother P. J. Carlton, of Richmond, Va.

Our good friend, Mr. H. A. Carlton, of Raleigh, N. C., has bought 433 acres of fine farm land near Mullins, S. C., at a cost of \$30,000, and is developing it according to his own ideas as to a model farm on the tenant system. And during the years of development he gives to the Christian Orphanage, Elon College, N. C., all the corn, oats, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, syrup, soy beans without cost. And the only request he makes of us is that we furnish some boys through the vacation season to work on the farm and to get charity rates on car-load shipments of material for the use of the farm. The boys are not worked on the farm for their labor only, but to teach them the methods of agriculture and to develop them physically and mentally.

During the year 1926 the income to the Orphanage from this farm was about \$1,600 in farm products. And the year 1927 about \$2,200 in farm products.

When he develops this farm like he wants it, he is going to deed it to the Christian Orphanage for its usages and purposes, which he figures will be within five years. When the development period is finished, the income from this farm under good management should be something like \$5,000 per year.

Mr. Carlton wishes us to state that he is making this contribution in addition to his Church contributions, and making it for the benefit of helpless humanity and he will reach his object through the Christian Orphanage, so it will be administered under the supervision of the Christian denomination. It is also Mr. Carlton's idea that when the Orphanage takes over this farm it will be able, through its surplus, to help Elon College and to show its appreciation for the benefits it receives from the college in free tuition for its children sent to the college and also the benefits it receives from the Christian education in the school of religion in the Christian Education Building.

We have also finished and furnished the new building, which we had under construction when this Convention met two years ago, and now have twenty-five children in it, making a total of three splendid brick buildings for children. During the last biennium we have had an average of 103 children. The late J. B. Duke remembered the Orphanage in his endowment, and we received from that in 1926 \$1,309.50, and in 1927 \$2,465.05. We are hoping to be able to comply with their requirements from year to year and continue to receive help from this fund.

It has been the policy of our board since we have been in charge to build our income to take care of our expenses and pay as we go, and we find that we have been able to have the confidence of our people and they have been glad to contribute to this worthy cause because we have tried at all times to get a dollar's worth for every dollar spent.

We could turn over the keys of the Christian Orphanage to this Convention as of January 1, 1928, with assets valued at \$157,900.83 in real and personal property, with an income in endowment value last year of \$75,000 at 4½ per cent, and could have given you a check for cash in the bank at that time for \$6,181.06.

Most of these assets have been added within the last eleven years under the management of our faithful superintendent, Mr. Chas. D. Johnston, who has the confidence of your Board of Trustees and the confidence of all who love Orphanage work, regardless of their Church affiliation.

This report covers a period of one year and nine months. Owing to the fact that the Duke Foundation required a very lengthy report the first of each year, and it requires it to run with the calendar year, and the State Board of Charities of North Carolina requires the same kind of report for the same length of time and also a report for the Board of Trustees each year, upon the request of the superintendent of the Orphanage, the board has changed its fiscal year to run with the calendar year in order to make all three reports at one time and save time and much unnecessary work.

We are grateful to the good women of our denomination for the splendid part they have taken in our work. Last year they sent to the Christian Orphan-

age 614 dresses for little girls under ten years of age, 170 suits for little boys under eight years of age, besides quilts and many other articles of clothing which was useful and beneficial.

We are hoping, with the fifteen extra acres of land given us, to be able in the future to raise wheat enough to make our bread. We are also trying this year to raise hogs enough to make our own meat for the next year. We continue from year to year to increase our daily herd of cattle, and are now producing sufficient milk and butter for all the children. It became necessary last year to build a modern potato house, with a capacity of 700 bushels, to care for our sweet potato crop, which has proven very successful, and the children have sweet potatoes daily almost the year through.

We have also built a new granary, with capacity of 1,000 bushels of grain, and a new crib to care for the corn crop.

Our people have been loyal to us, and it is a joy to us to give our time free of charge to do this service for our denomination and help those whom the Lord has placed in our care.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Income.

April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927.

Sunday School Monthly Offerings	\$5,969.29	
Special Offerings	5,589.15	
Thanksgiving Offerings	5,545.30	
Easter Offerings	2,641.21	
New Building	8,501.79	
Miscellaneous	71.69	
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		\$28,418.43

Expense Account.

Administration	\$3,000.00	
Matron's Salary	2,470.00	
Clothing	1,486.57	
Groceries	3,798.63	
Drugs	139.70	
Repairs	313.16	
Water and Lights	332.14	
Office Supplies and Postage	332.90	
Fuel	469.98	
Miscellaneous	4,894.25	
Farm Expense	2,752.56	
Dairy	534.61	
Laundry	114.93	
Insurance	104.00	
School expense	577.72	
Nurse	62.80	
Stenographer	60.00	
Thanksgiving literature	98.50	
Oil	116.17	
Capital account	187.53	
Teacher	50.00	
Telephone	2.70	
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		21,899.29
New building		9,474.24
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		\$31,373.53

Farm receipts for information:

Hay	\$ 750.00
Wheat	432.60
Oats	330.00
Rye	88.20
Corn	260.00
Vegetables	41.35
Straw	303.00
Canned peaches	343.00
Canned tomatoes	140.00
Canned beans	35.60
Silo feed	800.00
Stover	300.00
Pork	1,081.00
Sweet potatoes	375.00
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	\$ 5,279.75

Farm expense (included above):

Labor	\$1,215.60
Seed	133.99
Repairs	51.85
Feed	39.72
Oil for tractors	325.43
Fertilizer	290.10
Machinery	324.35
Miscellaneous	371.62
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	2,752.66
Profit	\$ 2,526.09

Dairy receipts (for information):

Milk	\$ 3,717.20
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Dairy expense (included above):

Mill feed	\$ 175.88
Dry feed	195.90
Supplies	7.75
Labor	9.00
Freight on corn	86.04
Miscellaneous	60.04
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	534.61
Profit	\$ 3,182.59

Financial Statement.

To balance brought forward from year 1926.....	\$ 2,705.75
Total income from all sources for fiscal year ending March 31, 1927.	28,418.43
Cash borrowed	2,500.00
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Total	\$33,624.18
Total expense of Orphanage year ending March 31, 1927.....	\$21,899.29
New building account to March 31, 1927.....	9,474.24
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	\$31,373.53
Balance in cash and due bills.....	\$ 2,250.63

Elon College, N. C., April 24, 1927.

To the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage, Elon College, N. C.:

We checked the books of Chas. D. Johnston, the secretary and treasurer and superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927, and find the following:

The income for the fiscal year from April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927.	\$28,418.43
Balance brought forward for 1926.....	2,705.75
Amount borrowed was.....	2,500.00
Total	\$33,624.16
Total general expenses for the institution for the same year was.....	\$21,899.29
Paid on the new building account.....	9,474.24
Total expenditures	\$31,373.53
Showing the balance brought forward in cash.....	\$ 2,044.63
Due bills	206.00
Making a total balance of.....	\$ 2,250.63

Very respectfully submitted this April 14, 1927.

JOHN R. FOSTER,
H. C. SIMPSON,
Auditing Committee.

Income from April 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927, being nine months, as follows:

Income.

Sunday School offerings	\$ 5,187.60
Special offerings	6,426.59
Thanksgiving	8,641.50
Easter	171.02
Pledges	2,007.58
Outside	453.87
Endowment	3,144.05
Willed	500.00
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	\$26,532.21

Expense account for same period:

Administration	\$ 2,250.00
Matrons	1,855.04
Clothing	1,385.34
Groceries	3,058.54
Medicine	89.25
Repairs	309.39
Postage	98.76
Interest	150.00
Insurance	509.10
Water and lights.....	366.75
Education	692.02
Office supplies and expenses.....	268.05
Two cars of coal	423.79
One Ford sedan	649.00
Telephone and telegraph	19.45
Laundry	283.36
One note and interest.....	2,529.17

Miscellaneous	993.18
Farm	3,334.43
Dairy	346.37
Permanent improvement land, etc.....	2,684.79
Total	\$22,295.78
Farm and dairy income:	
Income from farm in farm products for nine months.....	\$ 4,255.66
Expense running farm	3,344.43
Profit	\$ 911.23
Income from dairy in milk for nine months.....	\$ 2,613.60
Expense for some time.....	346.37
Profit in milk	\$ 2,267.23
Financial statement:	
Brought forward from last year.....	\$ 2,250.63
Income for nine months.....	26,532.21
Total	\$28,782.84
All expenses for nine months.....	22,295.78
	\$ 6,487.06
Less note, due bills, checks uncollectable.....	306.00
Total balance cash January 1, 1928.....	\$ 6,181.06

Elon College, N. C., March 28, 1928.

To the Board of Trustees of the Christian Orphanage, Elon College, N. C.:

We, your Auditing Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

We have on this day checked the books of Chas. D. Johnston, superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, for the months of April including December, being the last nine months of 1927, and find the following:

Brought forward from year 1926.....	\$ 2,250.63
Income for nine months of 1927.....	26,532.21
Total	\$28,782.84
Expenses for the nine months.....	22,295.78
Leaving balance	\$ 6,487.06
Less checks and due bills not collectable.....	306.00
Balance in cash	\$ 6,181.06

You will note we only checked the books for the last nine months of the year from the fact that at our last annual meeting we changed our year to run with the calendar year, beginning January, in order to comply with the Duke Foundation. Beginning with the first of this year, our fiscal year will run with the calendar year.

Very respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. FOSTER,
H. C. SIMPSON,

Committee.

I want to say, in conclusion, that while the Christina Orphanage has made splendid progress in the last eleven years, we would not mislead you by having you think all our income has come from the Christian denomination alone. When we built the building known as the "Baby Home," two men alone, who were members of the Episcopal Church, gave us one-fifth the cost of that building, and many others outside our Church contributed liberally. When we built our last building, one man, who is a Methodist, gave us one-fifth of the cost of the building, and he and others outside our denomination gave one-third of the cost of the entire building.

We had our secretary to go over our income books for the last year and nine months, the time included in this report, and pass on every item as to whether it came from our own people or outside our Church, and this is his findings after giving all donations in doubt to our Church:

From April 1, 1926, to March 31, 1927:

Our income from our own Church was.....	\$22,334.28
Our income from outside our Church was.....	6,084.15
Making a total of.....	\$28,418.43

From April 1, 1927, to December 31, 1927:

Our income from our Church was.....	\$18,795.16
From outside sources	7,737.05
Making a total of.....	\$26,532.21

It is the opinion of our secretary that if these amounts from outside sources had not come to the Orphanage, they certainly would not have gone to either of the other departments.

I give you these facts to show you the Orphanage is not getting any more than it ought to get from our Churches, but one of our strong points has been in interesting men of means in our work who are not members of our denomination as well as our own people.

Very respectfully submitted,

W. K. HOLT,
Chairman Board of Trustees.

Report discussed by Mr. W. K. Holt and Mr. C. D. Johnston.

Report of the Mission Board was read by Colonel J. E. West, chairman.

Address by Rev. J. G. Truitt; theme: "Resources for Home Missions."

Address by Colonel J. E. West, "Our Mission Work."

General discussion by Revs. P. T. Klapp and G. D. Hunt.

Report adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD.

As the Mission Board meets annually on or about the 15th of September, the fiscal year with our appropriations begins October 1st. It is, therefore, necessary, in making this report clear and comprehensive, to give appropriations from October 1, 1925, to October 1, 1927, and those decided upon and being made for the present fiscal year ending October 1, 1928.

HOME MISSIONS.

The following places received donations during the two years ending October 1, 1927:

Mountain work, Carroll County, Va.....	\$ 6,847.43
Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.....	990.00
Richmond, Va.	5,170.41
Franklinton, N. C.....	850.00
Newport News, Va.	225.00
Winchester, Va.	225.00
Roanoke, Ala.	75.00
North Alabama work.....	100.00
Portsmouth, First Church	550.00
Raleigh, N. C.....	5,086.88
South Norfolk, Va.....	3,225.00
Richland, Ga.	1,500.00
Total	<u>\$24,844.72</u>

The appropriations voted for the present year and now in course of payment are:

Elm Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.....	\$ 300.00
Roanoke, Ala.	250.00
Winchester, Va.	350.00
Portsmouth, Va., First Church.....	600.00
Raleigh, N. C.	2,500.00
South Norfolk, Va.	2,500.00
Mountain work, Carroll County, Va., beginning October 1, 1926....	1,000.00
Current obligations brought forward.....	900.00
Total	<u>\$ 8,400.00</u>

In addition to these items which are in process of payment, on September 13, 1927, the board had obligations outstanding in the form of notes payable amounting to \$15,300.00, and in the form of pledges outstanding payable over a term of three or four years a total of \$16,666, as reported to the last session.

RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES.

During the fiscal year ending September 7, 1926, there came into the Mission Secretary's office receipts from all sources a total of \$23,479.77, and during the year ending September 3, 1927, a total of \$29,630.29; total, \$53,110.06.

Since our last report, closing March 31, 1926, we have collected through our secretary and turned over to the treasurer the following amounts:

April, 1926—Emergency fund, \$6,162.66; Rocky Ford building fund, \$400; individuals, \$20; specials, \$394.13; S. S. regular, \$223.78; mountain work, \$450—total, \$7,650.57.

May, 1926—Emergency fund, \$1,206.79; regular S. S., \$295.61; specials, \$60.57; individuals, \$30—total, \$1,592.97.

June, 1926—Emergency fund, \$351.40; regular S. S., \$228.73; individuals, \$95; balance on April emergency fund, \$43.50—total, \$778.69.

July, 1926—Emergency fund, \$67.70; regular S. S., \$261.92; specials, \$93.62; individuals, \$20—total, \$443.24.

August, 1926—Emergency fund, \$22; regular S. S., \$281.83; specials, \$286.40; individuals, \$55; mountain work, \$63.10—total, \$708.33.

September, 1926—Emergency fund, \$19.50; S. S. regular, \$302.97; mountain work, \$3.55; specials, \$252.37; individuals, \$5; loan First National Bank, \$2,200—total, \$2,783.39.

October, 1926—Emergency fund, \$20; S. S. regular, \$283.87; mountain work, \$302.50; specials, \$510.36; individuals, \$40—total, \$1,156.73.

November, 1926—S. S. regular, \$271.17; individuals, \$19; specials, \$75.98; N. C. & Va. Conference, \$405; Woman's Board Home Missions, \$2,494.18; Woman's Board Foreign Missions, \$2,619.78—total, \$5,885.11.

December, 1926—S. S. regular, \$313.69; individuals, \$515.25; Burlington S. S., \$108.62; mountain work, \$25.82; Conference collections, \$6,559.03; loan Waverly Bank, \$825—total, \$8,347.41.

January, 1927—S. S. regular, \$209.96; individuals, \$57.50; mountain work, \$27.65; specials, \$99.51; Conference collections, \$379.39—total, \$774.01.

February, 1927—Regular S. S., \$221.60; specials, \$58.50; individuals, \$20; Woman's Board Home Missions, \$745.93; Woman's Board Foreign Missions, \$604.92—total, \$1,650.95.

March, 1927—Specials, \$841.14; self-denial offering, \$89.59; regular S. S., \$331.22; mountain work, \$454.25; loan First National Bank, \$500—total, \$2,216.20.

April, 1927—Specials, \$95.11; self-denial offering, \$673.06; regular S. S., \$285.92—total, \$1,054.09.

May, 1927—Regular S. S., \$311.65; self-denial offering, \$1,646.25; specials, \$183.69; Woman's Board, \$1,451.33—total, \$3,592.93.

June, 1927—Regular S. S., \$287.41; self-denial offering, \$860.98; mountain work, \$234.98; specials, \$274.36; Woman's Board, \$1,014.71—total, \$2,662.44.

July, 1927—Regular S. S., \$360.62; self-denial offering, \$283.26; specials, \$69.14—total, \$713.02.

August, 1927—Woman's Board, \$1,846.53; regular S. S., \$270.47; mountain work, \$10.15; self-denial offering, \$144.38; specials, \$47.48—total, \$2,319.01.

September, 1927—S. S. regular, \$367.60; specials, \$300.97; self-denial offering, \$71.12; loan, \$1,175—total, \$1,914.69.

October, 1927—S. S. regular, \$479.62; specials, \$71.10; self-denial offering, \$382.34; mountain work, \$8.57—total, \$941.63.

November, 1927—S. S. regular, \$276.54; specials, \$178.65; self-denial offering, \$40; mountain work, \$3.71; Woman's Board, \$5,330.70; loan, \$1,000; Conference collections, \$1,400—total, \$8,229.60.

December, 1927—S. S. regular, \$247.63; specials, \$92.89; self-denial offering, \$30; mountain work, \$11.62; Woman's Board, \$73.30; loan, \$250; Conference collections, \$5,373.23—total, \$6,078.67.

January, 1928—S. S. regular, \$341.32; specials, \$474.71; self-denial offering, \$23; mountain work, \$10—total, \$849.03.

February, 1928—S. S. regular, \$274.44; specials, \$63.47; self-denial offering, \$18; mountain work, \$1.75; Woman's Board, \$1,677.19—total, \$2,034.85.

March, 1928—S. S. regular, \$335.77; specials, \$61.86; individuals, \$253.05; mountain work, \$1.01—total, \$651.69. Grand total, \$65,029.26.

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR BIENNIMUM.

For the first year of the biennium just closed we expended \$23,436.30 and disbursed \$29,403.39 for the second year—a total of \$52,839.69.

These figures do not correspond with the grand total of \$65,029.26 as stated under the head of "Receipts from All Sources" because the periods covered are different. In the case of disbursements, the period covered is from October 1, 1925, to October 1, 1927, and in the case of "Receipts from All Sources" the period covered begins April 1, 1926, and concludes March 31, 1928.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONS.

One of the most gratifying features of our mission work is the increasing interest in missions on the part of our Sunday Schools. With the exception of a very few, our active and progressive Sunday Schools have adopted the plan ratified by this Convention of giving one offering per month for missions. We feel that this creates interest in missions where it will do most good in the future, and so we urge that this plan be continued and emphasized in all our schools. Our Sunday Schools should be deeply interested in missions and should be giving donations and frequent missionary programs. The donations from the Sunday Schools during the past biennium amounted to \$7,065.34. During the biennial period preceding, they amounted to \$8,327.82, which shows a decrease of \$1,262.48. This is not as it should be, and we urge our people to change this decidedly during the next biennium by liberal offerings from month to month. We have faith to believe that we shall in the future receive not only increasing funds from this source, but missionary recruits for the field as well. Missionary teaching must be given to the youth, and there is no better place for this than in the Sunday School.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK.

The Woman's Board will make its own report to this Convention. During the previous biennium the Woman's Board raised \$15,729.15. During the present biennium they have turned over to this board \$17,858.57—an increase of \$2,129.42.

The woman's annual missionary conferences and their one-day schools of missions continue to grow in interest and in attendance. Frankly, we do not know what would have happened to the missionary cause of the Christian denomination in the South if it had not been for the splendid work of the Woman's Board. Our grateful thanks are hereby recorded.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Since our last report to this body, we have paid for foreign missions to the office of Dr. W. P. Minton, Foreign Mission Secretary, \$28,158.49. Of this amount, \$12,495.28 went to the work in Japan and \$2,794.14 to the work in Porto Rico, and the remainder to the general foreign work. During the previous biennium we remitted to the Foreign Mission Secretary's office, in Dayton, \$25,735.19, an increase during this biennium of \$2,423.30. During this biennial period our Foreign Mission Department of the General Convention maintained a budget totaling \$112,159.42 for two years. It is generally agreed that we should pay one-fourth of this amount, or \$28,039.85, over a period of two years. We are happy to report, therefore, that we have discharged our foreign mission obligations. But in former years we have not done so well and should do our best to make up for that lack by increased gifts now. Also our general foreign mission work is in debt and needs to expand. We should do our best to help pay the debt and aid in the expansion. This should give us anxious concern and send us to our knees for the cause of missions.

During the biennial period we have sent out one new missionary, Miss Victoria Adams, to Porto Rico. Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Fletcher also have gone to Japan. They were able to secure a teaching position and are therefore entirely independent of our mission. During the biennial period Mrs. E. C. Fry, the wife of Rev. E. C. Fry of our Japan mission, has passed to her reward. The Morton family, who have been serving in Porto Rico for some years, will return to the homeland permanently when Rev. and Mrs. D. P. Barrett, who are happily with us at this Convention, have concluded their furlough and returned to the island. Further than this, there have been no changes in the number of missionaries maintained by our Church as foreign missionaries.

MEN AND MILLIONS.

We have collected during the biennial period of Men and Millions a total of \$492.13. Of this amount, \$76 now remains in bank. The remainder has been disposed of as follows:

J. C. McAdams, P. M., stamped envelopes.....	\$109.60
Dr. L. E. Smith, President.....	306.53

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

We are gratified to report an increase in the membership of the Southern Christian Convention during the biennium of 1,204. Two years ago our membership was 31,182; at this time, our membership is 33,086, or an increase of about 4 per cent, which is practically the rate of increase in population for the country. It should be said in this connection that several Churches are omitted from the statistic table which would increase the total. While this increase is by no means what it should be, we are grateful that we are increasing in membership rather than decreasing, as is the case in our denomination at large and in several of our sister denominations.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

In co-operation with the Woman's Board, we have been conducting a much-needed work in Carroll County, Va. Miss Alice Baldwin, as teacher of the Rocky Ford School, has rendered splendid service, and Rev. S. E. Madren, the pastor in charge, is enjoying excellent success in his efforts there.

We have two organized Churches in this section. Both of them belong to the N. C. & Va. Christian Conference. They are Rocky Ford, with forty-five members and property valued at \$3,000, and Elk Spur, with fifty-nine members and property valued at \$3,300. Both of these Churches contribute generously according to their means for the various enterprises of the Church. Bro. Madren is a junior at Elon College, going back and forth to his appointments during the college year.

NEGRO CHURCHES.

A number of our white ministers have found it possible to assist the negro Christians in making their work more efficient. We particularly record with appreciation the success of the Franklinton Christian College with Rev. J. A. Henderson as president. This school for the past two years has been crowded with students and by the munificence of friends have been able to meet its current budget. The additional dormitory that was begun there some years ago and which is very much needed remains incomplete because of lack of funds. It has been closed in, so that it is not deteriorating from the weather, but it should certainly be completed. Here is a fine opportunity for some philanthropist to render great service to negro education by providing the additional \$20,000 necessary to complete this building.

STEWARDSHIP.

Your Mission Board is overwhelmed with the appalling need and the woeful lack of definite teaching of stewardship among our Churches and people. We need to realize that God is the Owner of all and that we are His stewards; more than this, that we are His trustees and under obligation to use our trusteeship for the upbuilding of His kingdom. We are in imperative need of definite, continuous, constructive teaching in stewardship. We urge that every Conference composing this Convention give place in its annual program for the discussion of stewardship and that the Conference secretaries of stewardship be continued, with a committee on stewardship working in conjunction with the said Conference secretary. We commend particularly the good work that Dr. Warren H. Denison is doing as Stewardship Secretary of the General Convention.

MISSIONARY INTEREST INCREASING.

Your board feels that there is an increasing interest in missions in the Southern Christian Convention. We earnestly pray that the day may soon come when our missionary offerings shall be many times what they are today, so that there may be in the foreign field and at home many additional missionaries giving their full time to planting and building Churches and congregations and carrying the gospel to those who have it not. To this end, we solicit the prayers and co-operation of Christians throughout the Convention and in all our Zion.

THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

The Mission Board has, since the first of October, 1926, permitted its secretary, in addition to acting as editor-in-chief of *The Christian Sun*, to take over into his office the collections for *The Christian Sun*. The services of his stenographer have been donated to the Convention for this purpose. At another time in the Convention, the Mission Secretary will make full report of his activities and services for *The Christian Sun*. The Mission Board is glad to make this contribution to the Convention.

MISSION OFFERING, 1928.

During the enforced absence of the Mission Secretary from his office, the mission offering for 1928 has been in the hands of Bro. J. M. Darden, Acting Mission Secretary. The board is glad to report that Dr. Atkinson is very decidedly improved in his physical condition. Dr. Atkinson was himself anxious to return and be at the Convention, but upon the insistence of his physician and friends he has decided to remain in Florida till the 15th of May. We rejoice to report his improvement and pray earnestly for his complete recovery at an early date. We express herewith our grateful thanks to Bro. Darden for the zeal and energy and statesmanship with which he has approached the problem of our offering for missions this year. He will make full report of his work to the session.

J. E. WEST, *Chairman*.

J. M. DARDEN, *Acting Secretary*.

Judge O. W. Whitelock, Dr. W. P. Minton and Dr. W. A. Harper spoke on the work of our publications.

Dr. Jason Nobel Pierce, of the Congregational Church, Washington, D. C., was introduced to the Convention.

Report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. H. C. Caviness.

Address: "Evangelism," by Rev. H. C. Caviness.

On motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

Your Committee on Evangelism wishes to report the growing interest in pastoral and personal evangelism among all the Churches. We believe the increased emphasis upon pastoral and personal evangelism is a prophecy of a new day for our Churches. Some prefer to call this type of evangelism "visitation evangelism." But whatever name is given, the method is the same—the method of Jesus, going into the homes where people live, meeting them at their work, finding them wherever they are and winning them one by one for God.

Evangelism is an attitude of mind and heart. It is the attitude on the part of the pastor and his Church that is expressed in a sincere desire to see men and women, boys and girls, surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. Moreover, it is an attitude expressed in the desire to be used of God in helping to influence

others by example, by interest, by prayer, and by personal invitation to accept Christ as Saviour and enlist in His service. In short, the person that has the evangelistic attitude is a "soul-winning" one. Every department of a Church—the Sunday School, the brotherhood, the Christian Endeavor Society, the Missionary Society, etc.—should all express this attitude and recognize that the first work of the Church is to win people from the paths of sin to Christ and Christ-like living. Every Church that is not thus a center of evangelistic activity is weighed in the balance of God and found wanting. The Church that has the true evangelistic attitude will also have the proper social attitude, for it will realize that in order to save the individual to God, it must also seek to save the community for God.

A wholesome, rational and fervent evangelistic attitude in a Church intensifies the devotional life of the Church members. It inspires all to give more time to meditation on God's Word. It encourages definite habits of prayer on the part of all who profess to love Christ, and inspires them to pray in behalf of those who are not Christians. A proper evangelistic attitude on the part of the pastor and Church makes possible a more intelligent worship and a warmer spiritual atmosphere in all the services of the Church. It creates a sense of one's social obligations. It increases the sense of the parental responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the children. It emphasizes the need of the family altar. It brings the members of the Church into a closer harmony and a richer fellowship of good will. It gives life and meaning to the Church and to the various phases of its program. It creates a social conscience in the Church, making the Church feel its responsibility to the men and women of the community and to the community life itself.

This type of evangelism consists in holding interviews with non-Christians in their home or place of business with the one specific purpose of pressing home the claims of Christ. It is perfectly marvelous what a pastor and his group of personal workers can accomplish in any community in winning souls to Christ and the Church if they will adopt some such systematic effort and work for a definite objective. The pastor and personal workers should be on the look-out for Christian decisions constantly. But there is a psychology in having a season when special effort is put forth in the interest of winning people to Christ and the Church. Some of our Churches have these special seasons of ingathering in the fall, some in the winter, some in the spring, and others in the summer. We believe every Church could well afford to have some special season of ingathering, whether it be in the nature of a quiet, personal work campaign leading up to some particular Sunday when a class of members will be received into the Church, or whether it be in the nature of a ten-day or two weeks' evangelistic meeting. More and more Churches are using the two weeks preceding Easter for this special evangelistic emphasis. Experience has proven that such is highly desirable. One of the greatest needs of the kingdom is that pastors and Churches have a rational evangelistic attitude, that they feel their responsibility and rejoice in their opportunity of winning souls. Without such an attitude, no Church can long survive. With such an attitude, no Church can fail. The challenge comes to every pastor and every Church in the Southern Christian Convention.

"Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.
Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide."

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. HELFENSTEIN, *Ch'n.*
A. W. ANDES.
H. C. CAVINESS.

Report of Committee on Old Lebanon and O'Kelly Memorials was read by Judge J. F. West, chairman. Report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OLD LEBANON AND O'KELLY MEMORIALS.

There has been contributed to the memorials, including the amount realized from the sale of a portion of the Old Lebanon lot, the sum of \$1,736.19. Of this amount, \$832.80 was paid to Burns & Campbell, Petersburg, Va., for the Old Lebanon marker, \$13.25 to A. D. Pate & Co. for stationery, and \$9.50 to J. C. McAdams, post-master, for postage stamps, leaving a balance on hand, including accumulated interest, of \$952.03.

Your committee, many months ago, gave an order to the Palmer Marble Works, Albemarle, N. C., for the O'Kelly Memorial, consisting of an Egyptian marble statue of Rev. James O'Kelly, to be placed upon the campus at Elon College, the contract price of which is \$1,275. This statue has been completed and is ready for delivery upon the payment of the purchase price. As appears above, we lack \$322.97 of having sufficient funds to pay for the same. We recommend that the Convention take immediate steps to raise this sum, as the contractors are asking for a settlement. We will also need an additional sum of at least \$80 to cover expenses of the unveiling of the statue.

The Old Lebanon marker has been erected on the Old Lebanon lot, near Surry Courthouse, Va., and was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on July 7, 1927, in the presence of about 2,000 people. The members of this Convention doubtless read full accounts of the ceremonies in *The Christian Sun* and the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, and we need not refer to them in detail here. We deem it proper, however, to say that the success of the occasion was due in large measure to the liberality and efforts of Bro. J. M. Darden, of Suffolk, Va., chairman of the committee on program and publicity. Supported loyally by the members of the New Lebanon Church and the members of his committee, Bro. Darden provided music by a splendid brass band, loud speakers over the grounds and lunch at reasonable prices—all without cost to the Committee on Memorials.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. WEST, *Ch'n*,
J. O. ATKINSON, *Sec'y*,
W. E. MACCLENNY,
STANLEY C. HARRELL,
Committee on Memorials.

Rev. J. W. Barrett, of Norfolk, Va., was presented, and pronounced the benediction. Convention adjourned.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention met at 7:30 o'clock.

Song service in charge of Rev. J. F. Morgan. Anthem by the choir.

Address: "The Place of Prayer in the Missionary Program," by Dr. G. O. Lankford.

Dr. Robert L. Kelly, executive secretary of Council of Church Boards of Education, was introduced to the Convention.

Report of the Woman's Board was read by Mrs. J. A. Williams, President, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

The Woman's Missionary Convention submits the following report:

North Carolina Conference: 119 Churches; 36 Woman's Missionary Societies with 682 members; 13 Young People's Missionary Societies, with 187 members; 10 Willing Workers' Societies, with 126 members; 11 Missionary Cradle Rolls, with 278 babies on roll. Apportioned for biennium 1926-1928, \$10,000; total amount raised, \$8,410.

Virginia Valley Central Conference: 26 Churches; 7 Woman's Missionary Societies, with 183 members; 6 Young People's Missionary Societies, with 132 members; 2 Willing Workers' Societies, with 54 members; 10 Missionary Cradle Rolls, with 151 babies on roll. Apportioned for biennium 1926-1928, \$1,000; total amount raised, \$1,056.

Alabama Conference: 28 Churches; 7 Woman's Missionary Societies, with 111 members; 1 Young People's Missionary Society, with 6 members; 2 Missionary Cradle Rolls, with 28 babies on roll. Apportioned for biennium 1926-1928, \$750; amount raised, \$348.95.

Eastern Virginia Conference: 47 Churches; 27 Woman's Missionary Societies, with 969 members; 22 Young People's Missionary Societies, with 288 members; 16 Willing Workers' Societies, with 252 members; 17 Missionary Cradle Rolls, with 252 babies on roll. Apportioned for biennium 1926-1928, \$13,000; total amount raised, \$13,050.48.

Goal for biennium 1926-1928, \$25,000; total amount raised by Woman's Convention, \$23,035.13.

The Woman's Missionary Convention was in session Tuesday, May 1st, with an attendance of eighty delegates. Dr. W. P. Minton, of Dayton, Ohio, addressed the Convention in the morning; Mrs. McD. Howsare addressed the Convention in the afternoon. Dr. J. O. Atkinson's address was read by Mrs. C. H. Rowland. These addresses brought great messages, which we very much appreciated.

The Conference presidents and superintendents of each department showed increased interest and greater determination to go forward for the success of the kingdom of Christ on earth.

The following officers were elected, subject to the approval of this body: president, Mrs. J. A. Williams; vice-president, Mrs. C. H. Rowland; secretary, Miss Margaret Alston; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. L. Beale; treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle; superintendent young people's work, Mrs. R. T. Bradford; superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. I. W. Johnson; superintendent of spiritual life, Mrs. W. H. Carroll; superintendent of literature and mite-boxes, Mrs. H. C. Caviness.

We recommend that the young people have a program at the next Convention.

There are 232 Churches in the Southern Christian Convention; 76 Churches have missionary organizations—there are 156 Churches existing without any missionary organization. It is time to realize the great unfinished task before us. The future is "as bright as the promise of God," but the home base must be cultivated and not neglected. These unorganized Churches are needed in order that the mission work of our Church might go on into larger and still larger service, and these Churches need the missionary spirit to nourish them and to cause them to grow. Shall we climb the missionary ladder until every Church in the Southern Christian Convention is a missionary Church, with its missionary organizations, and every minister is preaching and teaching missions in their Churches? Reluctantly we are unable to increase the goal, but we will endeavor to organize new missionary societies, and by so doing increase the goal.

The favor of God has rested upon our missionary work this biennium; we are now asking all our pastors and people to renew their efforts for missions. In the strength of His grace, let us go forward expecting larger blessings from Him, with the impelling motive of our work being the enthronement of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men and women.

MRS. J. A. WILLIAMS, *President*.

Address: "Fourfold Aspect of Home Missions," by Mrs. McD. Howsare, President of Woman's Board of General Convention.

Dr. W. H. Denison delivered an address on "Stewardship."

Convention adjourned. Benediction by Rev. T. E. White.

THIRD DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1928.

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Devotional service conducted by Rev. J. Lee Johnson; theme: "The Shepherd."

Dr. Lewis H. Keller, D. D., president Atlanta Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., was presented to the Convention.

Rev. W. C. Wicker and A. W. Andes were added to the Committee on Resolutions.

Miss Lucy Eldredge made a talk concerning the literature of the Church.

Rev. J. W. Fix was added to the Committee on Social Service.

Report of Committee on Temperance was read by Dr. G. O. Lankford and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Crime in its various forms is an obvious illustration of the economic and moral waste and destructiveness of sin. The reports of crime so widely displayed through the public press and so often unduly magnified through the columns of our daily papers, constitute quite a large proportion of the daily news upon which the public mind is being fed. Consequently, the peculiar and abnormal type of personality revealed in crime has a certain appeal and fascination for the multitudes who throng to scenes of violence, crowd to sensational court trials, and frequently give undue attention and favors to the criminals themselves. At the same time, the agents of society for the prevention and punishment of crime are in evidence, and the maintenance of these agencies constitutes an important and increasing portion of the public expenditure. And the sad consequences of crime, of the violation of both moral and civil law, not only to the criminals and law-breakers themselves, but also to many who are innocent, are severe and continued warnings against wrong-doing and sin.

In spite of this fact, the certain prevalence of disregard for law and the widespread existence of crime is a matter of common knowledge. The government, society and the Church are waging a constant warfare against this evil, and the measures employed are divided between methods for prevention and punishment of crime. All encouragement possible should be given by all Christians to the law-enforcement agencies and the measures being used to prevent infractions of the law.

While many and various crimes are being committed all around us, there is one form of evil and law-breaking that seems to come particularly within the consideration of this report, namely: the frequent infringement upon the prohibition enactments and laws of the country and the continued indulgence on the part of many of our citizens in the use of alcoholic beverages. This is a fact to be deplored by all good citizens in every walk of life.

Now, alcohol as a beverage has no worthy standing in any group or gathering of right-thinking, truth-loving and law-abiding citizens, and especially in a

gathering of this kind. Alcohol has been discarded by science and medicine, industry and religion, not only as being useless but positively injurious and hurtful. There is, therefore, just cause for deep gratification that the American people, through constitutional enactment and by regularly ordained authority, have openly, emphatically and nationally declared that alcohol as a beverage is an anti-social, anti-Christian agent and a great menace to the desired growth and development of our country. And this verdict of the people should not be called in question by any court, official or private citizen; nor by any social club, select class, political group or "personal liberty" lovers. Neither should the violation of this constitutional enactment be countenanced anywhere in our country by private indulgence or public act or statement.

In view of the above, be it resolved:

1. That this Convention go on record as deeply deploring the extent to which many of our laws are being disregarded and broken, and particularly the extensive, subtle and flagrant violations of our constitutional prohibition laws.

2. That this Convention heartily commend all publications, organizations or societies, courts, officers of the law and private citizens who are exerting their efforts and influence in the direction of a strict enforcement of law and the further establishment of civic righteousness in our country.

3. That we urge upon the public press, our courts, our officers, upon our Churches, schools and colleges, upon all good citizens, and especially the members of this Convention, a more vigorous effort and constant endeavor to further remove the temptation from those who are given to the indulgence of strong drink, and that everything possible be done to safeguard and protect the people of our land from the curse of this and all other evils.

G. O. LANKFORD,
C. H. ROWLAND,
W. W. STALEY,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Finance was read by Mr. J. A. Williams, chairman, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Finance, have checked the receipts and disbursements of W. C. Wicker, Treasurer of the Southern Christian Convention, and find same to be correct, with the exception of the sum of \$79.00 that was credited to the Treasurer by the cashier of the First National Bank of Burlington through error. We recommend that this amount be refunded. We recommend that the following items be paid:

West & Withers, premium on Treasurer's bond of \$20,000.00	\$125.00
W. C. Wicker, Treas., salary 1927-28.....	50.00
C. C. Ryan, typewriter and telegrams.....	4.30
I. W. Johnson, Secy., salary and expenses.....	65.50
Mrs. J. S. Rollings, Ass't Secy, salary.....	25.00

We recommend that the Treasurer of the Southern Christian Convention be required to countersign all drafts, so as to avoid overdrafts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. WILLIAMS,
J. A. KIMBALL,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Social Service was read by Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, chairman, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

Religion has its social as well as its individual aspect. Jesus came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, which is more than personal salvation—it is the establishment of the will of God in all social relationships. The Church as the divinely accredited agency for embodying and expressing the spirit of Christ should therefore be concerned with social service. It ought and it must concern itself with the problems involved in such things as family life, industrial and economic life, political life, both local and national and international, and social life, seeking in every way to apply the principles and spirit of Christ to these and other realms of social life. In other words, the Church must be concerned with saving individuals and with saving society.

The General Convention of the Christian Church does not have a department of social service. The recommendation that such a department be established was not adopted at the last session of the General Convention. Nor does the Southern Christian Convention have a department of social service. But this does not mean that the Christian Church is not interested in social service or that the Christian Church is not doing social service work. In many ways, both as local Churches and as larger groups, the Churches of the Southern Christian Convention are doing constructive work in social service.

This committee recommends and urges that all the Churches of the Southern Christian Convention give their hearty support to all movements and agencies that have as their object the application of the spirit and principles of Christianity to all social relationships. We should support and co-operate with every movement looking toward the establishment of Christian homes, the advancement of social education, the application of Christian principles to industry and economic life, the preservation of sex purity, the elimination of the appalling evils of divorce, the decrease of crime, the observance and enforcement of law, the cleansing of social life, the application of Christianity to political life, the abolishment of war, and the promotion of the spirit of brotherhood and good will among nations.

H. S. HARDCASTLE,
V. E. KITCHENS,
J. W. FIX,
Committee.

The report of the Board of Education was read by Dr. W. A. Harper, chairman. It was moved and carried that all items making any recommendations be considered separately.

Report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Colonel J. E. West, chairman. The report was adopted and the officers named therein were duly elected, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Officers.—President, Rev. L. E. Smith, D. D., Norfolk, Va.; Vice-President, Rev. N. G. Newman, D. D., Holland, Va.; Secretary, Rev. I. W. Johnson, D. D., Suffolk, Va.; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Mary Andrews Rollings, Suffolk, Va.; Treasurer, Rev. W. C. Wicker, D. D., Elon College, N. C.

Trustees of Elon College (term expires May, 1932).—Dr. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va.; Dr. J. E. Rawles, Suffolk, Va.; Dr. L. E. Smith, Norfolk, Va.; J. A. Williams, Franklin, Va.; Col. E. E. Holland, Suffolk, Va.; A. B. Farmer, News Ferry, Va.; P. J. Carlton, Richmond, Va.; Dr. W. H. Boone, Durham, N. C.; George F. Whitley, Smithfield, Va.; Hon. J. W. Pritchard, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Miss Deloris Morrow, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. John T. Kernodle, Richmond, Va.; Rev. J. G. Truitt, Norfolk, Va.; D. E. Sellars, Burlington, N. C.; Jesse F. West, Jr., Waverly, Va.; I. A. Luke, Holland, Va.; Jesse D. MacClenny, Suffolk, Va.; J. A. Kimball, Manson, N. C.; H. A. Carlton, Raleigh, N. C.; W. B. Truitt, Greensboro, N. C.

Trustees of Bethlehem College (term expires May, 1932).—O. O. Mitchell, J. J. Carter, Dr. W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C.; Dr. F. P. Ensminger; Dr. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va.; Rev. W. C. Carpenter, G. H. Veazey, Dr. Frank E. Jenkins.

Trustees of Christian Orphanage (term expires May, 1932).—H. C. Simpson, Greensboro, N. C.; W. K. Holt, Burlington, N. C.; C. D. West, Newport News, Va.

Board of Religious Education.—Rev. F. C. Lester, Waverly, Va.; E. T. Holland, Holland, Va.; Mrs. J. W. Patton, Elon College, N. C.; C. H. Stephenson, Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. J. F. Morgan, Norfolk, Va., Route 3; W. H. Baker, Newport News, Va.; Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Suffolk, Va.

Mission Board.—Colonel J. E. West, Suffolk, Va.; Rev. G. O. Lankford, D. D., Burlington, N. C.; Mrs. John A. Williams, Franklin, Va.; Mrs. M. L. Bryant, Norfolk, Va.; J. A. Williams, Franklin, Va.; J. M. Darden, Suffolk, Va.; Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., Suffolk, Va.; Rev. C. H. Rowland, D. D., Greensboro, N. C.; K. B. Johnson, Cardenas, N. C.; Mrs. L. L. Vaughan, Raleigh, N. C.

Missionary Secretary.—Dr. J. O. Atkinson, Elon College, N. C.

Board of Publications.—Prof. L. L. Vaughan, Raleigh, N. C.; Dr. E. L. Moffitt, Asheboro, N. C.; Rev. P. H. Fleming, D. D., Burlington, N. C.; Rev. N. G. Newman, D. D., Holland, Va.; Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham, N. C.

Board of Superannuation.—Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., Elon College, N. C.; Rev. T. E. White, Graham, N. C.; Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Greensboro, N. C.; W. K. Holt, Burlington, N. C.; D. R. Fonville, Burlington, N. C.

Editors of "The Christian Sun".—Rev. J. O. Atkinson, D. D., Elon College, N. C., editor-in-chief; Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D., Suffolk, Va.; Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham, N. C.; Dr. W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C., contributing editors; Rev. S. M. Lynam, Canada, news editor; P. J. Kernodle, Richmond, Va., managing editor; C. D. Johnston, Elon College, N. C., circulation manager.

Recommendations.—We recommend that during the next biennium, May 1, 1928, to May 1, 1930, \$600 be appropriated from the Convention funds annually for secretarial help for the President of the Convention, to be paid in equal monthly installments.

J. E. WEST,
L. L. VAUGHAN,
C. D. JOHNSTON,
Committee.

Report of Committee on Apportionments was read by Dr. W. W. Staley, chairman, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We, your committee appointed to apportion the twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the Convention to the seven Conferences, submit the following:

Alabama Conference	\$ 1,250.00
Georgia and Alabama Conference.....	1,000.00
North Carolina and Virginia Conference.....	7,500.00
Eastern North Carolina Conference.....	2,500.00
Western North Carolina Conference.....	1,500.00
Eastern Virginia Conference.....	10,000.00
Valley of Virginia Central Conference.....	1,250.00

Total \$25,000.00

W. W. STALEY,
K. B. JOHNSON,
I. A. LUKE,
Committee.

It was moved and carried that the Conferences be requested to remit all Convention funds from the Conference apportionments in a lump, beginning this year, and the distribution of the money to the various funds of the Convention shall be made by the Board of Finance.

Report of Committee on Christian Union was read by Dr. W. A. Harper, secretary.

General discussion by Dr. W. H. Denison, Rev. F. P. Ensminger, Rev. P. T. Klapp, Dr. C. H. Rowland, Rev. J. F. Morgan, Dr. J. M. Kirby, Dr. Robert L. Kelley, Dr. L. H. Keller, Dr. W. C. Wicker, Dr. J. W. Manning, Colonel J. E. West.

Address: Dr. J. N. Pierce, Washington, D. C.

Report of Committee on Christian Union was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNION.

We record with hearty approval the fine spirit of co-operation and brotherliness evinced by the Congregational Church in its approach to the whole question of union with our denomination. We are honored by the presence in our Convention of a fine group of their trusted and distinguished leaders, whom we hope to hear at this session set aside to consider the matter of Christian union.

Particularly do we rejoice that the Commission on Interchurch Relations of the National Council of the Congregational Church and the Commission on Christian Unity of the General Convention of the Christian Church have adopted the "Recommendations Relating to the Organic Union of the Christian and Congregational Churches," recently published in the periodicals of both denominations.

We recommend that this Convention approve these recommendations and memorialize the General and Executive Boards of the General Convention of the Christian Church to proceed on this basis to consummate the union of our two Churches as set forth in the recommendations which we herewith submit as a part of this report:

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE ORGANIC UNION OF THE CHRISTIAN AND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

The undersigned representatives, appointed from the Commission on Interchurch Relations of the Congregational Churches and the Commission on Christian Unity of the Christian Church, believe that the hour has come when, in the interest of the kingdom of God and of the larger usefulness of their respective denominations, these two communions should immediately take steps toward an organic union.

We, therefore, recommend to our respective commissions and, through them, to the National Council of Congregational Churches and to the General Convention of the Christian Church:

1. That each of them, at the earliest possible date, take action endorsing an organic union between the Congregational and Christian Churches.
2. That the basis of this new relation shall be the recognition by each group that the other group is constituted of the followers of Jesus Christ. Each individual Church and each group of Churches shall be free to retain and develop its own form of expression. Finding in the Bible the supreme rule of faith and life, but recognizing that there is room for wide differences of opinion among equally good Christians, this union shall be conditioned upon the acceptance of Christianity as primarily a way of life, and not upon uniformity of theological opinion or any uniform practice or ordinances.
3. That the autonomy of each local congregation and the right of each individual member to follow Christ according to his own conscience shall remain undisturbed.

4. That the United Church shall, for the time being, be called "Congregational-Christian," allowing each local Church to continue the use of its present name, if it so desires.

5. That as soon as this proposal shall have been ratified by the official bodies of the two organizations, a committee of equal number from each communion, adequately representative of the major interests and territory of each denomination, shall be appointed to study the whole situation carefully and to recommend a plan for the complete unification and management of their enterprises and program of work. In the meantime, every possible step should be taken by the two commissions to promote mutual acquaintance among the two constituencies and to canvass the practical questions involved in a merger.

6. That as soon as possible after the joint committee provided in the preceding paragraph is ready to report, a general convention, including the two bodies, shall be arranged, at which the report of the committee shall be acted upon. For this joint convention the executive committees of the two denominations shall make all arrangements.

7. The commissions recognize that numerous practical details will be involved. They are confident, however, that, being united in purpose, no insuperable obstacles will appear, and therefore propose that the two bodies go forward in mutual confidence.

FRANK G. COFFIN,

LEON E. SMITH,

For the Commission of Christian Unity.

FRANK K. SANDERS,

CHARLES E. BURTON,

FRITZ W. BALDWIN,

For the Commission on Interchurch Relations.

Committee:

LEON E. SMITH, *Chairman.*

W. A. HARPER, *Secretary.*

WARREN H. DENISON.

Convention adjourned for dinner. Benediction by Rev. R. L. Williamson.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 o'clock. Devotional service conducted by Rev. H. C. Caviness; theme: "Abundant Grace."

It was moved and carried that a bill for \$2.80 for telegrams be paid to Dr. C. C. Ryan.

Report of the Board of Christian Education was read by Miss Pattie Coghill.

Address by Dr. F. E. Jenkins.

Report of the Board of Education was, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The growing sentiment for Christian Education is cause for enheartenment. There has not been an educational gathering of state or national scope during the past several years that has not provided space in its program for the consideration of the place of religion in education. Only one state university in all our nation does not have opportunity provided for its students to study religion and allied subjects, sometimes at public expense but more often maintained by voluntary groups of interested persons or organizations. There as-

sembled at Princeton, February 17th to 19th, some two hundred college presidents, deans, and professors to discuss the place of religion in college life. There has just been published by the Association of American Colleges a book entitled "The Effective College," by Dr. Robert L. Kelly. This book devotes three chapters to the place of religion in college life. The Southern Christian Convention has always insisted that religion and education cannot be divorced, and it is exceedingly gratifying to us to report to this session of the Convention the evidences of the appreciation of religion as foundational by educators of every type.

I. ELON COLLEGE.

(a) *Membership in Southern Association.*

Elon College, since the Durham session of the Convention, has achieved a major item in its list of objectives in that in December, 1926, the college was admitted to membership in the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States. This achievement was made possible by the Convention's issuance of its bonds in the amount of \$500,000 to offset the indebtedness of the college and to add \$100,000 to the endowment, these bonds to bear interest at 6 per cent until liquidated by the gifts of our people in the name of the Church. Of course, the note for \$112,500, given the board of trustees by the Convention many years ago was influential in enabling the college to win the recognition of this accrediting agency. Now the graduates of Elon College are admitted without question to the graduate departments of universities anywhere in the world, and they are also granted certificates to teach on terms equal to the best in every state in the Union and also in foreign countries. The Convention is to be congratulated upon its wisdom in thus providing for Elon. Our next duty is to retire these bonds and relieve the Convention of its obligation.

(b) *Attendance Records.*

Twelve years ago Elon College limited its enrollment to four hundred students and has had no difficulty since to secure its full allotment of students. For the year 1926-1927 these students were distributed by classes as follows: seniors, 57; juniors, 66; sophomores, 95; freshmen, 157; special departmental students, 25—total, 400.

For the year 1927-28 the distribution has been as follows: seniors, 57; juniors, 73; sophomores, 108; freshmen, 162—total, 400.

It is gratifying to your committee to find that we have more students of the Christian Church in Elon College than the percentage of attendance throughout the nation indicates as properly to be expected for our entire denomination. A recent investigation shows that four persons in each thousand in the United States are in college, university, or professional school of college grade. With only 33,000 members in the South, this would give us a total expectancy in institutions of higher learning for our Southern Church of 132; but, as a matter of fact, there are enrolled in Elon College this year from Christian Church homes 205. This is indeed gratifying and cause for congratulation, which shows that the college is really serving our Church and meeting the approval of the Church in a positive and substantial way.

(c) FINANCIAL ITEMS.

The endowment of the college is at this time, including the Convention note of \$112,500 and the Convention bonds in the amount of \$100,000, \$520,738.66. The value of the plant at this time is \$1,202,051.04. The budget of the college for the year 1926-27 was \$121,455, and for the year 1927-28 it was \$146,395. The business manager estimates that for the year 1928-29 the budget will be not less than \$149,500, though the trustees in session in May will adopt their own budget. The college operates under a closed budget submitted to the board of trustees by the business manager and finally approved by them.

The indebtedness of the college at this time is \$426,740. This indebtedness is made up of an item of \$114,750 incurred for general improvements and current expenses prior to the fire of January 18, 1923, and of the balance due on the rebuilding program of \$311,990.

Inasmuch as certain items involved in the rebuilding program had to be adjusted since the Durham Convention, we think it well to detail at this time the cost of the rebuilding program, showing the origin of this indebtedness. The facts are as follows:

Cost.		Paid.
\$130,251.76	Alamance	\$ 50,217.09
83,534.36	Whitley	50,000.00
81,311.32	Duke	80,000.00
85,000.00	Carlton	85,000.00
102,601.27	Mooney	100,000.00
44,008.34	Outside service system .....	.....
10,560.00	Porticoes .....	.....
52,000.00	Entrances, grounds, walls .....	.....
44,283.96	General expense items .....	.....
130,714.38	Furniture and equipment .....	.....
15,000.00	Library equipment	15,000.00
18,147.32	Books for Library .....	.....
24,700.03	Refinancing costs
	Raised for general purposes, cash and gifts.....	129,905.65
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\$822,112.74		\$510,122.74

Balance due on rebuilding program..... \$311,990.00

The financial needs of Elon College, so far as the Convention is concerned, will include two items—interest on the bonds of \$500,000 at 6 per cent, and interest on the note of \$112,500 at 6 per cent; a total of \$36,750. The Convention is respectfully requested to provide for this item in its financial program. This committee refrains from suggesting the method by which this should be done, deferring to the Finance Board and to the Convention itself in session, expressing at the same time its earnest desire to work harmoniously with any plan which the Convention may adopt.

The committee is happy to report to the Convention at this time that during the year 1926-27 the college was fortunate to secure the full allotment of \$36,750 provided for Elon in the benevolence budget, securing the money through offerings from Churches, from the collection of pledges, and from generous gifts by individuals. The campaign to raise a similar amount during 1927-28 is now in progress. We hope and pray that we may have the hearty support of Churches and individuals and that this year too the college will secure the full amount allotted it, so that it may balance its budget of expenses and retain its membership in the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States.

(d) *Alumni.*

Elon College began at its present location September 2, 1890, and with this commencement 38 classes have been graduated, totaling 743 members—420 men and 323 women. Of this number, 29 have passed to their reward—21 men and 8 women. With reference to those that remain, the following facts are given with reference to their life-work:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Education	145	194	339
Ministry and missionary	107	3	110
Business	87	18	105
Home-makers (women only counted).....	..	74	74
Public service	25	11	36
Law	18	..	18
Medicine	17	1	18
Engineers	12	..	12
Fine arts	2	2
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Totals	411	303	714

The alumni of the college are deeply interested in the welfare of their alma mater. They are at this time engaged in reorganizing the General Alumni Association and the conserving of the strength of the alumni in local units. The officers of this association are especially to be commended for their efforts on behalf of the college. The trustees have appointed a committee to confer with the officers of the association on matters of co-operation, and there is a fine feeling of mutual confidence and co-operation between the Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees. At its February session, the Board of Trustees went on record as favoring the working out of a plan whereby the alumni will be permitted to nominate a certain number of trustees to the Southern Christian Convention to be endorsed by it as candidates for membership in the Board of Trustees, to be elected in the usual way by the board at its May meeting each two years. We recommend that the Southern Christian Convention authorize the Board of Trustees of the college to proceed with this matter according to its best judgment.

The committee especially commends the General Alumni Association for the publication of *The Elon Alumni Voice*, as the official organ of the alumni of the college. We are gratified to find the high estimate that has been placed upon this magazine by those who are capable of judging the value of such publications. It has at once taken high rank among the alumni magazines of the country. We congratulate the association upon its success in this matter.

(e) *Co-operation with the Atlanta Theological Seminary.*

As is generally known, the Atlanta Theological Seminary, an institution of the Congregational Church located in Atlanta, Ga., is considering moving to Elon College and associating itself closely with the Department of Christian Education in Elon. We express our approval of this co-operation in principle and recommend that the Convention approve the same, referring the details of the plan to the trustees of Elon College, with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Convention.

(f) *Endowment.*

The Board of Trustees of Elon College, at their February session, voted that the Southern Christian Convention, at this session, be requested to grant them permission within the next three years to enter upon a campaign to raise sufficient money to pay off all indebtedness and to make the endowment of the college net a million dollars. The Board of Trustees of Elon College, therefore, respectfully request, through this committee, that this permission be granted them and that the campaign begin during the next three years at such time as in their judgment it may be wise.

II. BETHLEHEM COLLEGE.

Bethlehem College reports the following facts with reference to itself for the past two years:

(a) *Enrollment and Financial Facts.*

	College.	High School.
Enrollment 1926-27	62	158
Enrollment 1927-28	41	151
Graduates 1926-27	15	27
Graduates 1927-28	15	28
Value of buildings, 1926.....	\$40,000.00	
Value of buildings, 1928.....	80,000.00	
Raised for current expenses past two years....	20,000.00	
Raised for buildings past two years.....	35,000.00	
Indebtedness of college	25,000.00	
Operating expense past two years.....	27,000.00	

The Convention is requested to authorize the raising of \$10,000 annually for the current operating expenses and to permit the solicitation of funds to com-

plete and equip the building now in process and liquidate the indebtedness, a total of \$50,000. We recommend that these items be approved. Bethlehem needs an endowment of \$250,000. We recommend that the college, in its option, undertake to raise the same.

(b) *Co-operation with Piedmont College.*

The boards of trustees of Bethlehem College and of Piedmont College, a college of the Congregational Church located at Demorest, Ga., have voted on a basis of co-operation with each other.

We recommend that co-operation between these schools be approved in principle by the Convention at this time, the details to be worked out between the boards of trustees of the institutions, the Executive Board of the Southern Christian Convention to approve such plan, so far as Bethlehem College is concerned. The Executive Board of the Convention is hereby authorized and empowered to take the necessary legal steps to make this decision effective.

W. A. HARPER,
W. W. STALEY,
S. L. BEOUGHNER,
JOHN G. TRUITT,
E. L. MOFFITT,
Committee.

Report of Custodian of Funds for Ministerial Education was adopted, as follows:

REPORT CUSTODIAN OF FUNDS FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As Custodian of the Ministerial Funds of the Southern Christian Convention, I have the honor to submit to you the following report:

Receipts Since Last Meeting of Convention.

1926.		
Oct. 22.	Mrs. H. B. Floyd, Ga. & Ala. Conference.....	\$ 310.99
Dec. 6.	G. O. Lankford, on note.....	28.13
1927.		
Jan. 8.	L. E. Smith, from Conferences.....	524.81
Mar. 11.	J. U. Fogleman, on note.....	26.00
Dec. 23.	L. E. Smith	125.00
27.	L. E. Smith	99.48
1928.		
Jan. 31.	L. L. Wyrick, on note.....	25.00
Total receipts		\$1,139.41

Disbursements Since Last Meeting of Convention.

1926.		
Sep. 15.	G. H. Veazey, on note.....	\$ 100.00
27.	Joe French, on note.....	200.00
Dec. 20.	Silas Madren, on note.....	50.00
30.	Joseph E. McCauley, on note.....	100.00
1927.		
Jan. 7.	G. H. Veazey, on note.....	150.00
19.	Silas Madren, on note.....	50.00
Nov. 16.	C. C. Dollar, on note.....	100.00
21.	G. H. Veazey, on note.....	100.00
	G. S. Hunt, on note.....	100.00
	Joe French, on note.....	100.00
Dec. 10.	Silas Madren, on note.....	75.00

1928.		
Jan.	5.	C. C. Dollar, on note..... 100.00
		Joe French, on note..... 100.00
	12.	H. G. Robinson, on note..... 150.00
	20.	Silas Madren, on note..... 75.00
Feb.	8.	G. H. Zeazey, on note..... 75.00

Total disbursements \$1,525.00

You will notice the disbursements during this biennium exceeds the receipts by \$380.59.

You will further notice that the receipts for ministerial funds have fallen off during the last two years. This will mean that unless those who are owing money to this fund pay shortly, the fund will commence being depleted.

The custodian has in his hands at present the following notes:

W. H. Brewer	\$ 100.00
R. F. Brown	45.00
R. F. Brown	100.00
E. Carl Brady	250.00
H. E. Crutchfield	250.00
E. M. Carter	150.00
G. E. Crutchfield	900.00
C. Carl Dollar	250.00
Jessie H. Dollar	875.00
W. B. Fuller	125.00
J. U. Fogleman	174.11
Hamilton J. Fleming	230.00
Joe French	400.00
H. T. Gray.....	100.00
W. C. Hook	50.00
W. J. B. Hines	140.00
G. S. Hunt	200.00
A. H. Hook	600.00
J. V. Knight	175.00
Siddie Latham	100.00
S. M. Lynam	700.00
S. D. Lankford	250.00
Silas Madren	350.00
Joseph E. McCauley	225.00
M. A. Pollard	600.00
H. George Robertson	150.00
C. B. Riddle	255.00
Dwight M. Spense	400.00
W. T. Scott	700.00
W. B. Terrill	450.00
I. T. Underwood	140.00
G. H. Veazey	450.00
W. L. Wells	310.00
L. L. Wyrick	25.00

Total\$10,219.11

In addition to the above, your custodian has the following:

Cash in bank and in certificates.....	\$ 325.00
Real estate bonds (Stan. Real & Sec. Co.)....	2,250.00

The custodian sent out letters some time ago to those who are due notes to this fund and failed to get any response except from about three or four of the ministers. Some of these men are still in college and are still on expense. Many of the others have completed their college course and have been out at work for some time. They should be paying on these ministerial notes, and I would sug-

gest that the Convention formulate some plan whereby these persons could be induced to settle their notes.

Most respectfully,

THOMAS C. AMICK,
Custodian Southern Christian Convention Funds.

No report was received from the Board of Religious Education.

Report of Committee on Men's Organization was made a special order for Friday at 9:15 A. M.

Convention adjourned until 7:30 P. M. Benediction by Rev. E. M. Carter.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention met at 7:30 o'clock. Anthem by the choir. Worship conducted by Dr. W. S. Alexander, Elon College, N. C.

Mrs. D. P. Barrett was presented with a life membership certificate of the Woman's Board by Mrs. J. A. Williams, President.

Address: "Christian Colleges Training Christian Leadership," by Prof. S. A. Bennett.

Address: "Atlanta Seminary," by Dr. L. H. Keller, president.

Anthem by the choir.

Address: "Christian Colleges and Christian Union," by Dr. W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C.

Address: "Program of Education," by Dr. Robert L. Kelley.

Dr. C. H. Rowland spoke concerning the superannuated endowment fund, and a number of pledges were made.

Dr. F. W. Boatwright, president of the University of Richmond, was introduced.

Convention adjourned till 9 A. M. tomorrow. Benediction by Dr. F. W. Boatwright.

FOURTH DAY—FORENOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 1928

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Song service conducted by Rev. J. F. Morgan. Minutes read and approved.

Worship conducted by Rev. W. C. Hook; theme: "The Commission."

It was moved and carried that the matter of the distribution of the funds from Conference apportionments for colleges be referred to the Board of Finance.

Report of Committee on Men's Organization was read by Rev. J. G. Truitt, chairman, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEN'S WORK.

The demand for a men's organization in our Church has been steadily growing for many years. Several local Churches have developed men's organizations,

some of which are having careers, others have failed to function for any length of time. But the need for a real, live men's organization in every local Church steadily increases, and along with this need is the greater need of combining strength of the entire manhood of our Church. Your committee came to its task with humility because it saw the seriousness and bigness of the attempt to formulate some organization which would begin to lead Christian Church men into a united fellowship and service commensurate with the demands of the Church and the commands of Christ.

From the very first meeting of the committee, we found ourselves confronted with a long line of questions, and many of them important: What shall be the name of a men's organization that will appeal to all, be easy to announce in Church, understandable, and expressive of just what is meant? Can an organization be simple enough for all types of Churches to find it workable, and yet complexed enough to hold its place in the larger Churches? What shall be the purpose of a men's organization? How shall it accomplish that purpose? And will it be but another organization thrust upon an already over-organized Church? Will it be all-inclusive in the type of work it undertakes, or specifically set itself to some one task? Are there not dangers of driving the Church into some one direction to the detriment of some other field of service? What are other Churches doing? What are the women doing? And how are they doing it? These are but a few of the questions which confronted the committee, but they are enough to show that the committee had a tremendous task before it.

Your committee met and implored Divine guidance in the matters at hand, set itself to the task of finding out how the other denominations of the country were solving the problem, and of observing, if possible, the strength and weaknesses of their organizations and programs. Organizations within our Church were studied, both men's organizations and women's organizations. Their strength and weaknesses were sought out as far as possible, and then the committee began to draft results of their study. Counsel was sought from all sources among our leaders, both of men and women. Your committee has drafted its final work, and while it does not begin to claim any perfection for its propositions, it does believe that it has for your consideration a working and workable basis upon which this Convention may seek to set the whole manhood of the Church behind its every enterprise.

I. Name: Christian Church Men.

II. Purpose: Interest.

1. Interest the Christian Church Men more vitally in their own local Churches.
2. Interest the Christian Church Men more vitally in their sister Christian Churches.
3. Interest the Christian Church Men more vitally in general advancement along all lines of kingdom service in the Christian Church.
4. To the end that the entire manhood of the Christian Church may be placed more definitely back of every enterprise of the Christian Church.

III. Methods: (a) Organization.

1. The organization of a local unit of Christian Church Men in each Christian Church to meet monthly.
2. The organization of a district of Christian Church Men to meet quarterly.
3. The organization of a Conference of Christian Church Men to meet annually, preferably in April.
4. The organization of the Christian Church Men of the Southern Christian Convention to meet biennially, preferably in June.
5. The organizing of boys' work as a component part of the Christian Church Men.

6. The election of a leader in each organization of Christian Church Men as a leader of said organization and an agent through which any other organization or agency may work in a given organization; as a leader of a local unit, a district, a Conference and a Convention.

7. The appointing by the President of the Convention of a committee of five to further the work of Christian Church Men, the chairman of which committee to be the Convention leader of Christian Church Men.

(b) Information.

1. Instruction in the local unit, emphasizing worship, fellowship, stewardship, evangelism and missions.

2. Informational and inspirational addresses.

3. The developing of a literature, the use of the press, and a page in *The Christian Sun*.

(c) Co-operation.

1. Working together in developing a strong local Church.

2. Planning for larger co-operative work in quarterly sessions.

3. Co-operation in the widest kingdom reaches.

IV. Field: The world.

1. Missions: Home and foreign.

2. Education: Secular and religious.

3. Welfare: Children and aged.

4. General: Convention and publication.

We recommend that each Church organize its men under the above name, purpose and plan, fitting the particular needs and requirements of the local situation into their organization. We would suggest the following general outlines of organization:

1. Name: Christian Church Men.

2. Purpose: (same as that written above).

3. Officers: Leader, assistant leader, secretary, treasurer.

4. Meetings: Monthly.

5. Members: Christian Church men, as the organization itself may elect.

6. Study courses: Prescribed by the committee of five.

7. Dues: Such as may be determined upon, a certain portion of which going to the committee of five for expenses.

8. Boys: Organized under the auspices of the Christian Church Men.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. TRUITT, *Ch'n*,

W. H. BOONE,

W. A. HARPER,

J. M. DARDEN,

JESSE F. WEST, JR.,

Committee.

Report of Board of Publications was read by Prof. L. L. Vaughan, chairman, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Board of Publications, beg leave to submit the following report:

It is the opinion of the board that *The Christian Sun*, as it has been produced during the closing biennium, has been, in material presented and in general appearance and tone, such as to be of credit to our Church and people. The board deplores the fact that *The Sun* is not receiving a wider circulation among our people, and urges that every agency of the Church aid in increasing the subscription list.

The board wishes to recognize the receipt of a resolution from the General Convention of the Christian Church requesting the Southern Christian Conven-

tion to carefully consider the wisdom of merging *The Christian Sun* with the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, *Christian Missionary* and the *Journal of Christian Education*. The board has carefully considered the resolution and is of the opinion that it will neither be of profit to the General Convention nor expedient for the Southern Christian Convention to accept the request.

We endorse the editorial staff as recommended by the Committee on Nominations, which adds Mr. Chas. D. Johnston as circulation manager.

We recommend that any vacancy in the editorial staff be filled by the Board of Publications, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Convention.

We recommend that the Board of Publications, in connection with the circulation manager, work out some plan for increasing subscriptions to *The Christian Sun*, and that the ministers and laymen of the Convention be asked to cooperate in making the plan adopted effective.

We recommend that the Secretary of the Convention serve as editor of THE CHRISTIAN ANNUAL; that the secretaries of the Conferences be requested to send copy of proceedings to the editor promptly; that the Board of Publications make contract for printing THE ANNUAL.

We recommend that the Convention make the following contract with the Central Publishing Company, of Richmond, Va.:

P. J. Kernodle serve as managing editor of *The Christian Sun*, and the Central Publishing Company print, mail and post an average weekly issue of three thousand (3,000) copies of *The Christian Sun*, of sixteen pages, size 11x14 inches trimmed, set in ten-point type, the advertising therein not to exceed an average of six pages per week, same to be printed on fifty-eight-pound machine book white paper.

Provided, and upon condition, that the said company shall receive one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$138.50) per issue per week for fifty-one issues per year, payable in monthly installments, for 3,000 copies. All additional copies to be printed and mailed at the rate of \$2.20 per hundred. Also that all revenue received from advertising to go to the Central Publishing Company.

It is further agreed that this contract shall be and remain in force for a period of two years from and after July 1, 1928, unless said contract shall be sooner terminated by the mutual consent of the Central Publishing Company and the Board of Publications of the Southern Christian Convention.

CENTRAL PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.,

By P. J. Kernodle, President.

BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS OF S. C. C.,

By L. L. Vaughan, Chairman.

L. L. VAUGHAN, *Ch'n*,

N. G. NEWMAN,

P. H. FLEMING,

E. L. MOFFITT,

Board of Publications.

Report of the Editor of *The Christian Sun* was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

For four years now, *The Christian Sun* has been edited by a board of editors, and during the biennium just closed this board has consisted of the following persons: J. O. Atkinson, editor-in-chief, Elon College, N. C.; associate editors: Dr. W. W. Staley, Suffolk, Va.; Dr. W. A. Harper, Elon College, N. C.; Rev. Stanley C. Harrell, Durham, N. C., and Dr. R. C. Helfenstein, Dover, Del.; news editor, Rev. S. M. Lynam, Toronto, Ont., and managing editor, Dr. P. J. Kernodle, Richmond, Va. In addition to their editorial duties, Dr. W. W. Staley

and Dr. W. A. Harper have contributed weekly the "Suffolk Letter" and the "Elon Letter," respectively.

In addition to the board of editors, *The Christian Sun* has been served by the following regular contributors: For Sunday School Lessons, Rev. H. S. Hardcastle, Suffolk, Va.; The Family Altar, Chaplain H. E. Rountree, of the United States Navy; the Kiddies' Korner, Mrs. Madge Moffitt Whitesell, High Point, N. C.; for the Christian Orphanage, Superintendent Chas. D. Johnston, Elon College, N. C.; and Christian Endeavor Notes, Miss Pattie Coghill, Henderson, N. C.; Pulpit, Rev. J. G. Truitt.

Each of these editors and regular contributors serves *The Christian Sun* without cost. This arrangement, after four years of trial, appears to be satisfactory to the Church, and there has been no word of complaint from any of these who have served the Church without money and without price as a labor of love and devotion to the cause. Nor must I fail to express the grateful appreciation of the editor for the fine and growing list of contributors who have written from time to time for the columns of *The Christian Sun*, sending in news items and messages of uplift and inspiration. It is hoped that the number of those who serve the Church in this way will increase.

On October 1, 1926, at the request of the Board of Publications, I took over the collections of *The Christian Sun* mailing list, and have collected since then as follows:

October 30, 1926.....	\$ 433.42
November 30, 1926.....	878.17
December 31, 1926.....	465.30
January 31, 1927.....	490.70
February 28, 1927.....	606.50
March 31, 1927.....	448.70
April 30, 1927.....	231.70
May 31, 1927.....	226.85
June 30, 1927.....	438.50
July 30, 1927.....	337.49
August 31, 1927.....	126.09
September 30, 1927.....	218.04
October 31, 1927.....	414.00
November 30, 1927.....	470.26
December 31, 1927.....	301.35
January 31, 1928.....	510.81
February 29, 1928.....	369.80
March 31, 1928.....	261.40
Total	\$7,229.08

I have remitted each month to Dr. L. E. Smith, President Southern Christian Convention, as per the above itemized list of collections.

Dr. Smith also has placed in my hands from time to time sums of money to be used for postage, stationery and incidental items. The sums received are as follows:

October 1, 1926.....	\$ 100.00
December 13, 1926.....	100.00
February 11, 1927.....	50.00
April 27, 1927.....	25.00
August 20, 1927.....	50.00
November 14, 1927.....	50.00
December 23, 1927.....	75.00
March 7, 1928.....	54.80
Total	\$ 504.80

There remains on hand to this fund at the time of this report a balance of \$12.83.

PRINCIPLES AND GOVERNMENT.

Since the Durham session of the Convention, I have sold seventy-two copies of the "Principles and Government." Of these, sixteen copies remain unpaid for. I have also sold certain copies of membership certificates, Church letters and "Wellons' Family Worship." The total cash income from these sources is \$27.65, which remains in bank at the time of this report. There are on hand and unsold in the stack-room of the Elon College library, ninety-eight copies of the "Principles and Government."

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. ATKINSON, *Editor*.

By W. A. HARPER, *Acting Editor*.

Report of the Managing Editor of *The Christian Sun* was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF MANAGING EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN SUN.

INTRODUCTION.

(1) We read with pleasure the report of the Commission on Publications to the General Christian Convention, which recommended the publishing of a paper by each of the several regional Conventions. The report was adopted. Up to this time, no forward steps have been taken to make effective the action of the Convention. It is evident that the influence of papers are more or less local. Those who think and observe will readily see that our Church is developing in the territory contiguous to the papers, but is waning in the territory remote from them. Therefore, the only argument needed for establishing regional Convention papers is the statement just made.

(2) *The Christian Sun*, the official organ of the Southern Christian Convention, is functioning successfully. *The Christian Sun* has strengthened our Churches to do missionary work in both the home and foreign fields; it has built our colleges to advance learning, and founded our Orphanage to help the helpless. Missions, now advocated so strongly by the Christian Church, were begun by *The Christian Sun*. Only a few persons now living know of the signing of bonds, the interest on which constituted the first mission funds. Other methods of raising mission funds followed until now we are operating under what is known as the budget system.

(3) Had there been maintained papers in the several localities, now designated as regional Conventions, doubtless each district would have been as well developed as is the Southern Christian Convention. Advertising makes known what is in the market, and a follow-up salesman will produce the results. What is the use of a Secretary of Religious Education, or of Missions, if not to act the part of a salesman? To give permanency to evangelistic work, the Church paper is needed. The salary of the evangelist requires money; the deficit of the Church paper will require less. In short, a secretary's work, without the Church paper, will dissipate itself and come to naught.

(4) A certain institution of learning, established three-quarters of a century ago, which, if it had received the support of the official Church paper, should have been worth millions of dollars to the Church. Now it is not an asset at all to the Church. Divide its possible value of \$6,000,000 by seventy-five years, and \$80,000 is the average yearly value. Suppose it had cost \$5,000 or \$10,000 a year—see what a return for the investment! What might have been a great university is forever gone.

(5) Elon College has been established a little less than forty years. Divide \$1,000,000 by 40, and the net value per year is \$25,000. Suppose \$5,000 spent to meet a deficit. Without *The Christian Sun* it is doubtful if there would have been an Elon College.

(6) No one doubts the value of the Church paper to the Orphanage, reporting its acquisitions and offerings.

(7) Every page of *The Christian Sun* is saturated with the mission idea and the evangelistic spirit. It believes in Church unity, but faith without works is dead.

(8) Why be concerned as to the Church paper? The object is not to build a paper only as it serves an end—the support of the Church institutions: colleges, missions, evangelism, orphanage, and whatever the Church should undertake and foster.

(9) It has been ascertained that only 10 per cent of the members of Churches, of their own accord, support their Church paper; also that this 10 per cent gives 90 per cent of the funds used for the benevolences of the Church. Why not make an effort to enlist the other 90 per cent at least in part?

REPORT.

(10) For the past six years *The Christian Sun* has had its publication office in Richmond, Va., being printed by the Central Publishing Company, Inc. It was enlarged and has given 50 per cent more reading matter than formerly, with many good articles left over after each issue. During four years of this time the managing editor was charged with the circulation and collection of subscriptions. The list of subscribers was increased during that period from 2,200 (2,184 to be exact) to 2,770, reaching in the meantime a circulation of over 3,000 copies. At the end of the third year the list was pruned, reducing the number to 2,700 or a little less.

(11) During the past two years, which began with a list of 2,770 subscribers, there have been added new subscribers sufficient to replace those discontinued and to increase the list to 2,857 during the month of March, 1928. With the last issue in March, 93 "specials" were dropped, leaving the number on the list of 2,764 as of April 1, 1928. Through last summer's agitation, the matter of *The Christian Sun* was brought prominently before the Conferences in the fall by a general appeal for support of the Church paper. Many new subscribers were added, which in great measure brought up the list. As can be seen, the list has not been enlarged, but collections have been stressed.

(12) The returns from subscriptions for each of the four years were as follows: 1922 (July to July), \$2,762.22; 1923-24, \$2,728.12; 1924-25, \$3,200.95; 1925-26, \$1,986.22. The cost was supplemented by an additional bonus of \$250 paid monthly on the cost of publication. In the first two years 805 new subscribers were added, with 1,774 renewals, and in the succeeding two years 318 new subscribers added, with 1,784 renewals. The years 1926-27 and 1927-28 have been under the direction of the Publication Board, and we are not able to report as to collections, but the subscription list shows 494 new subscribers, with 2,208 renewals.

(13) With the present subscription list, after allowing for most favorable collections, there must necessarily be a deficit to be provided for by the Convention.

(14) The managing editor desires to add that he has endeavored to co-operate with the Publication Board and the Board of Editors, and has tried to serve to the best of his ability. Co-operation has been mutual and, glad to say, most pleasant.

P. J. KERNODLE,
Managing Editor.

On motion, items 14, 15, 16 and 17 were referred to the Board of Publications for consideration.

It was moved and carried that the Board of Publications be requested to make an allotment to each of the Conferences of the number of new subscribers to be secured for *The Christian Sun*.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to offer the following:

1. That we express by rising vote our hearty appreciation to the Richmond Christian Church, its genial pastor, excellent choir, and other people of the community for their generous hospitality, unselfish service and splendid music in making this session of the Convention one of the most enjoyable and successful sessions in its history.

2. That we express our appreciation to the Committee on Publicity and to Mr. C. M. Cannon in particular, for the excellent reports of this Convention to the daily press in North Carolina and Virginia and to the press for the generous service rendered in publishing these reports.

3. That we record our high appreciation for the presence and fine, Christian fellowship of the several distinguished speakers and visitors present in this Convention who have contributed so largely to the fine Christian spirit and forward-looking policy and program which we have adopted.

In particular, we would mention the following representatives from the Congregational Church: Rev. W. Knighton Bloom, D. D., regional home mission secretary, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, D. D., pastor First Congregational Church, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Frank E. Jenkins, D. D., president Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga.; Rev. Lewis W. Keller, D. D., president Atlanta Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Rev. Robert L. Kelley, D. D., executive secretary of Interchurch Boards of Education, and Mrs. Kelley, New York City; Rev. F. P. Ensminger, D. D., district home mission secretary, Demorest, Ga.; Rev. J. Edward Kirby, D. D., pastor United Church, Raleigh, N. C.

4. That we set as a goal for the biennium 10 per cent increase of membership, and that we urge our ministers and laity to give themselves diligently to earnest prayer, personal work and evangelistic efforts to reach this goal.

G. O. LANKFORD,
A. W. ANDES,
W. C. WICKER,
Committee.

The report of the Executive Board was submitted and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

At a meeting held in Suffolk, Va., February 14, 1927, it was moved and carried that it is the opinion of the Executive Board that the action of the 1926 session of the Southern Christian Convention, pertaining to the benevolence budget, permits Elon and Bethlehem Colleges, the Christian Orphanage and the Mission Board to accept personal contributions in sums of less than \$5,000 to be kept as permanent funds, endowment funds, without giving credit to the local Church for same, whenever the person or persons making such gifts make a request, in writing, that such credit shall be given.

At a meeting of the Executive Board on August 28, 1928, Mrs. J. A. Williams, president of the Woman's Board, presented a request that the Executive Board seek to secure a settlement of Mrs. W. T. Walters' account as treasurer of the Woman's Board. On the basis of this request, the Woman's Board was requested to present an audited account of the books of Mrs. W. T. Walters, treasurer. Consequently, this report was submitted to the board, and after repeated conferences with Dr. W. T. Walters and other interested parties, the Executive Board agreed on the following terms of settlement, namely: \$5,000 to be paid in cash, in addition to previous payments of \$324.70 on or before April 30, 1928.

These terms have been complied with, and checks for the \$5,000 are herewith presented. We recommend that this basis of settlement be accepted by this Convention and the money be credited pro rata to the proper accounts of the Convention Treasurer.

We have prepared program submitted. We have had a number of meetings with heads of departments and considered matters which will come in the reports of these various departments.

We recommend that the Conferences of this Convention demand a very high standard of moral character and financial integrity of the ministry, and that Conferences seek to use proper discipline to enforce these high standards.

We also recommend that this Convention and the Conferences require all officials to make a full report of all official financial transactions pertaining to their respective office when requested to do so, and that these reports shall be properly audited before being adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. SMITH.
E. E. HOLLAND.
I. W. JOHNSON.

On motion, the Convention approved the plan suggested by the President for paying off the indebtedness of the colleges and raising endowment, as follows:

STATEMENT WITH REFERENCE TO ELON AND BETHLEHEM COLLEGES, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

ELON.

1. Assets:

Value of property	\$1,202,551.04
Endowment	520,738.60

2. Liabilities:

Indebtedness	\$ 426,740.00
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Distributed as follows: Debt on old buildings.....\$114,750.00

Debt on new buildings..... 311,990.00

(Of this \$311,990, \$117,481.73 is on building bearing names of donors, which leaves a balance of \$194,509 unprovided for.)

3. Needs: Clear the college of indebtedness and increase endowment to \$1,000,000.

4. How: (1) Ask those who donated buildings, and which buildings bear their names, to take over balance of same, relieving the college of this indebtedness and the Church of interest charged, on the condition that the Church raise the remainder of the indebtedness. This will relieve the college and guarantee its membership in the Southern Association of Colleges.

(2) The Church's share to raise: \$309,259. Raise \$200,000 in large gifts, \$109,259 in smaller gifts from the rank and file of the Church.

(3) Endowment: amount, \$500,000. Raise \$200,000 from folks in Church and out in gifts of \$1,000 and more, and \$300,000 from General Education Board and other organizations, funds and boards.

5. Plan and organization: The Convention to appoint a committee of five who shall work out details, effect the organization, inform the Church at large, decide on date of beginning and direct campaign.

Indebtedness: Have some one to head up the drive for indebtedness. Have a large gifts' committee. Have a small gifts' committee.

Endowment: Have a committee within the Church. Have a committee to work outside the Church.

BETHLEHEM.

6. That a committee of five be appointed with power to act, together with the Executive Committee of the Convention and the Board of Trustees of Bethlehem College, to study the conditions of Bethlehem, consider its present needs, its future demands and act, safeguarding the interest of the Christian Church.

L. E. SMITH, *President*.

It was moved and carried that the proceedings of the Convention be printed in pamphlet form, 500 copies distributed, and then to be printed in THE ANNUAL.

It was moved and carried that all reports for the next session be submitted to the President two weeks before the opening day, and a sufficient number of copies be mimeographed for distribution at the Convention.

The following bills were ordered paid:

Central Publishing Company:	
2,000 record cards	\$ 7.50
500 Church reports	12.00
500 programs	9.50

The President announced the following committees for the next biennium:

Board of Finance—L. E. Smith, E. E. Holland, I. W. Johnson, K. B. Johnson, J. A. Williams.

Evangelism—H. C. Caviness, J. F. Morgan, O. D. Poythress, A. W. Andes, J. W. Barrett.

Education—W. A. Harper, W. W. Staley, E. L. Moffitt, J. G. Truitt, S. L. Beougher.

Social Service—H. S. Hardcastle, F. C. Lester, B. J. Earp, R. L. Williamson.

Temperance—G. O. Lankford, E. M. Carter, J. L. Foster, W. B. Fuller, J. A. Kimball.

Men's Work—J. G. Truitt, W. H. Boone, W. A. Harper, J. M. Darden, Jesse F. West, Jr.

Mr. C. M. Cannon, the Convention Reporter, was introduced to the Convention.

Minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet Tuesday before the first Sunday in May, 1930, at such hour and place as may be designated by the Executive Board.

Closing service and benediction by Rev. F. C. Lester, Waverly, Va.

L. E. SMITH, *President*.

I. W. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Convention of the Southern Christian Convention met in the First Christian Church, Richmond, Va., on Tuesday, May 1, 1928, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. A. Williams.

Opening song, "Take Time to Be Holy." Scripture reading by the President (Isa. 55th chapter).

Reports were then given by the following:

In the absence of Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Rowland gave a report of the North Carolina Conference Cradle Roll, Mrs. E. P. Jones gave a report of the Eastern Virginia Conference Cradle Roll.

Report of the Literature and Mite-Box Superintendent, by Mrs. W. V. Leathers.

Report of North Carolina President, read by Mrs. Sellars for Mrs. L. L. Vaughan.

Report of Valley of Virginia Central Conference, by Mrs. B. F. Frank, read by Secretary.

The Alabama Conference reported in the rural Churches: 3 Young People's, 12 Women's Societies and 3 Cradle Rolls.

Report of Treasurer given by Mrs. Hardcastle showed a great deal of work she had done. She gave out reports and had poster to show who had reached their goals. Moved and carried that the report be accepted by a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Hardcastle for the excellent work she has done as Treasurer.

Mrs. Williams invited the ministers to sit as deliberative members. She also had them come forward to be introduced to the Convention.

Mrs. Williams then gave an inspiring message on the "Missionary Ladder," showing how each society could help, and that every one should climb the missionary ladder until every Church in the Southern Christian Convention becomes a missionary Church.

We then had a special selection of music, "Face to Face," rendered by Mrs. F. S. Gardner and Mrs. M. W. Stockdon, of the Richmond Church.

Report of Spiritual Life, read by Mrs. Carroll, superintendent. Moved and carried that her report be accepted.

Committees for the Convention are as follows:

Organization—Mrs. W. V. Leathers, Mrs. E. P. Jones, Mrs. N. G. Newman, Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Mrs. R. B. Wood.

Finance—Mrs. L. W. Stagg, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Mrs. Joseph G. Holland.

Resolutions—Mrs. W. H. Andrews, Mrs. J. M. Raby, Mrs. K. B. Johnson, Mrs. J. P. Barrett.

Nominating—Mrs. M. L. Bryant, Mrs. L. B. Norfleet, Mrs. V. L. Carter, Mrs. Franks, Mrs. M. J. W. White.

Banner—Mrs. W. R. Sellers, Mrs. J. B. Gay, Mrs. H. C. Caviness, Mrs. G. L. Stephenson, Mrs. W. H. Baker.

Mrs. Howsare had not arrived, so Dr. Minton spoke in her place on the subject "Adventuring with Christ." He gave us a very interesting message, showing how we might adventure with Christ in faith, prayer, service and unity.

Moved and carried that the Secretary send a message to Dr. J. O. Atkinson; also one to Mrs. L. L. Vaughan, Mrs. Stanley C. Harrell and Mrs. Floyd Bennett. Dr. Rowland then led in prayer for them.

Moved and carried that the Secretary write Mr. Herbert January a vote of thanks for auditing the Treasurer's books.

Moved and carried that the Woman's Convention pledge ourselves, by a standing vote, that we will not vote for any man who is known not to stand for law enforcement and the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment locally, in the States, and nationally.

An offering of \$27.70 was taken this morning.

The meeting closed with the devotional service led by Mrs. W. H. Andrews.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session of the Woman's Convention met in the Randolph Hall at the Old Soldiers' Home.

Called to order by the President, Mrs. J. A. Williams. Opening song, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Mrs. W. D. Harward led in prayer. We were then favored by a special selection of music by Mrs. M. W. Stockdon.

Mrs. M. L. Bryant, President of the Eastern Virginia Conference, read her report, which was adopted as read.

Mrs. C. H. Rowland read Dr. Atkinson's message, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated by the Convention. Moved and carried that his message be published in *The Christian Sun*.

Mrs. McD. Howsare addressed the Convention on "How to Interest the Women in the Missionary Societies," which was very instructive.

She discussed the following points, which might help to interest us: (1) by patient persuasion; (2) punctuality; (3) interesting programs; (4) prevailing prayer, and (5) helping the pastors.

The round-table discussion was led by Miss Pattie Coghill on "Missions in the Local Church." She called on the following to help in the discussion: Miss Lucy Eldredge discussed the literature which should be used in the mission work; Dr. W. P. Minton discussed the methods of the Church school of missions and how the mission-study books could be used; Miss Mary Lee Williams told how the Franklin, Va., Church used the mission-study book; Rev. F. C. Lester discussed the pastor's place in a missionary program.

Mrs. Barrett, our missionary to Porto Rico, asked that the Woman's Convention appoint at least two members to visit Porto Rico within the next year, so that we might get a better understanding of the mission work that is being carried on there.

The reports of the committees were given as follows:

Report of the Committee on Organizations—Moved and carried that this report be adopted by items and that the committee be allowed to continue in their work.

Art. 4—Moved and carried that a Department of Spiritual Life be added. Also moved that article 4 of the Constitution shall be amended to include a superintendent of life members and memorials and a Convention editor.

Art. 5—Moved and carried that the Woman's Convention be held in connection with the Southern Christian Convention.

Moved and carried that the superintendent of Young People's Department of this Convention, with the Executive Committee of this body, be a committee to work out a program for our young people that shall include all the activities by young people in a Convention.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted by items, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We find that the books of our Treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, have been audited by Public Accountant Herbert January, of Suffolk, Va., who stated same to be correct. We also find that Mrs. Hardcastle has been bonded for the sum of \$5,000, said bond being issued by bonding company represented by West & Withers, Suffolk, Va., in April, 1928.

We would recommend:

1. That the goal for the next biennium remain the same (\$25,000), and same to be apportioned among the Conferences as follows:

Eastern Virginia	\$13,000.00
North Carolina	10,000.00
Virginia Valley Central	1,000.00
Alabama	750.00
Georgia and Alabama.....	250.00
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	\$25,000.00

2. That in order to have some uniform method of caring for the Conference and Convention expenses, the contingent and literature funds be increased to 10 cents per member, including the Young People and Willing Workers, and out of this fund each Conference send to the Convention Treasurer for the Convention expense the following amount:

Eastern Virginia	\$ 75.00
North Carolina	75.00
Virginia Valley Central	20.00
Alabama	20.00
Georgia and Alabama.....	10.00
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	\$ 200.00

3. That the money from the life membership and memorial certificates go towards establishing a home for the retired missionaries.

4. That all the report blanks used throughout the Convention be uniform, and that each Conference treasurer send the President of the Convention Woman's Board a copy of same report she sends the treasurer each quarter and annually.

MRS. L. W. STAGG.
MRS. H. S. HARDCASTLE.
MRS. NOVELLA V. HOLLAND.

Report of Nominating Committee as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

President, Mrs. J. A. Williams, Franklin, Va.; Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Greensboro, N. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. H. S. Hardcastle, Suffolk, Va.; Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret Alston, Henderson, N. C.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Beale, Franklin, Va.; Superintendent of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. H. Carroll, Burlington, N. C.; Superintendent Young People's Work, Mrs. R. T. Bradford, Suffolk, Va.; Superintendent of Cradle Roll, Mrs. I. W. Johnson, Suffolk, Va.; Superintendent of Literature and Mite-Boxes, Mrs. H. C. Caviness, Portsmouth, Va.; Conference Editor, Mrs. W. M. Jay, Elon College, N. C.

MRS. M. L. BRYANT, *Ch'n.*
MRS. C. B. NORFLEET.
MRS. V. L. CARTER.

Moved and carried that the report be adopted, and the officers were elected, subject to the approval of the Southern Christian Convention.

Report of Resolutions Committee read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to submit the following:

1. That we express our thanks to the officers for their untiring and efficient services during the past biennium and for the splendid program rendered in this meeting.

2. That we exceedingly regret the absence of Dr. J. O. Atkinson, our beloved Mission Secretary, and urge this Convention to be diligent in earnest prayer for his speedy recovery, and also the recovery of other members of the board who are ill.

3. That we heartily endorse the leading thought expressed in addresses of the morning, and urge each representative to endeavor to promote this spirit in each individual society.

4. That we express our hearty appreciation to the Richmond Christian Church for its most hospitable reception and entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. ANDREWS.

MRS. J. P. BARRETT.

MRS. J. M. RABY.

The Banner Committee reported that, with no more records than they had, they were unable to positively decide which Conference was entitled to the banner. It was moved and carried that the Convention would not present the banner until the next biennial session.

Moved and carried that the North Carolina and Eastern Virginia Conferences be asked to send their Presidents to Porto Rico on a visit to our missionaries.

The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION.

That members of the missionary societies place on an associate roll all members that do not attend a missionary monthly meeting for six consecutive months, also invalids, business women who cannot attend in the day, and men who are willing to have a part in the work by paying dues, etc., such money to go to the special fund.

Minutes read and approved.

Meeting closed, with prayer by Mrs. C. H. Rowland.

MRS. J. A. WILLIAMS, *President.*

MARGARET ALSTON, *Recording Secretary.*

